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# Violence continues in capital of Iraq

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Iraqi firefighters extinguish a burning vehicle in front of the Seventeenth of Ramadan Mosque after an explosion in central Baghdad on Friday. An eye witness reported that a group of people approached Firdous Square in the vehicle, disembarked, and then it exploded. The attacks launched from the back of the van missed their intended target of the Green Zone.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

**Pamela Smart case:** One of the four teens jailed for more than a decade for helping Pamela Smart kill her husband faces a parole revocation hearing on July 27.

Raymond Fowler recently was summoned by police in Salisbury, Mass., on a complaint of disturbing the peace on June 7, Salisbury Police Chief Richard Simmons said.

In 1990, Fowler, then 18, waited in the getaway car while friend William Flynn shot insurance salesman Gregory Smart in the Derry, N.H., condominium he shared with his wife, Pamela. Flynn, 16 at the time, had been having an affair with Pamela, a 22-year-old media coordinator at the teens' high school.

**GOP eavesdropping:** Virginia Democrats have subpoenaed records from the state police and a federal prosecutor in their eavesdropping lawsuit against the Republican Party.

Attorneys for a group of Democratic lawmakers have subpoenaed state police Superintendent Steven Flaherty and U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty to demand documents related to the eavesdropping investigation. They also have subpoenaed records from Attorney General Jerry Kilgore's office in an effort to find out more about his top aide's involvement in the case.

The controversy began in 2002 when the Republican Party of Virginia's top staffer secretly listened to and taped a pair of Democratic conference calls.

**Transgender killing:** In life, 17-year-old

Edward Araujo Jr. wanted to be known by the name friends and family agreed best suited the transgender teenager. Gwen. In death, the wish has been granted.

A judge posthumously granted the name change 18 months after Araujo was beaten and strangled on a beach two weeks after a mistrial was declared in the case against three men accused in the killing.

Guerrero had filed for the name change in May.

**School drug raid:** South Carolina's attorney general said Friday it was "grossly inappropriate" for police to draw their guns during a search for drugs at a suburban high school outside of Charleston last year but that it did not warrant criminal charges.

The Nov. 5 raid by Goose Creek police at Stratford High School drew national attention after a surveillance video showed students being ordered to the floor and a drug dog prowling the hall. No drugs were found and no arrests were made in the sweep, which has spawned two civil lawsuits.

### Business

**Wyo. bronco logo:** A two-year showdown between the state of Wyoming and a Texas charity over rights to the bucking horse-and-rider logo has been resolved, Wyoming Secretary of State Joe Meyer said Thursday.

The two sides this week signed a settlement agreement allowing Texas Stampede Inc. limited use of the coveted rodeo symbol.

Texas Stampede, which stages concerts



**Sylvia Guerrero holds an urn with the ashes of her transgendered daughter, Gwen Amber Rose Araujo.**



**West Bank barrier:** A mosque's minaret in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabel Mukaber looks over the West Bank security barrier. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he is ready to move the barrier a little closer to Israel, wherever possible, in order to avoid trapping Palestinians in fenced-in enclaves, Israeli media reported Friday.

and professional rodeos to benefit children at two Dallas hospitals, has been using a bucking bronco and rider since the group's inception in 2001. Wyoming claims it has featured the logo since 1918.

**SBC contract:** Employees at SBC Communications Inc. represented by the Communications Workers of America have overwhelmingly approved a new five-year contract reached in late May following a brief walkout in 13 states.

CWA officials in Washington said Thursday that 85 percent of the rank and file voted in favor of the deal, which increases their wages and pensions, preserves their health benefits and enhances job security.

With 2003 sales of \$41 billion, San Antonio-based SBC is the nation's second-largest provider of local-phone service behind Verizon.

### World

**Iran-Britain dispute:** Iran denied London's allegation that it forced eight British servicemen into its territorial waters and then detained them for illegal entry, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Thursday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said he was surprised when British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon told the House of Commons on Wednesday the servicemen had reported after their release last month that they had not steered their patrol boats to the Iranian side of the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

Asefi said that during negotiations before Iran released the servicemen, British diplomats signed a copy of minutes from a meeting that acknowledged the British boats entered the Iranian waters by mistake.

**Taiwan weapons sale:** Taiwan's defense minister said Friday he wants the United States to accelerate the delivery of a proposed multibillion dollar weapons package to strengthen the island's defenses against rival China's rising military power.

Taiwan's Cabinet last month proposed spending \$18 billion to buy anti-missile systems, planes and submarines from the United States. Minister Lee Jye told media executives Friday that China's growing military strength motivated him to ask Washington to speed up the delivery, though he didn't specify a timetable.

**Madrid bombings:** Spain's government declassified dozens of documents Friday for lawmakers investigating the Madrid terror attack, but withheld others, including one reportedly warning that an al-Qaida threat to attack Spain should be taken seriously.

Next week, a 16-member legislative commission began investigating the March 11 railway bombing that killed 190 people, an attack blamed on Islamic militants with possible links to al-Qaida.

The commission, in requesting documents, had asked to see pre-March 11 intelligence reports on what threat Spain faced from Islamic militants, as well as police records from the aftermath of the attack.

**Al-Qaida hunt:** Two tribal elders accused of sheltering al-Qaida militants in a remote tribal region near Afghanistan surrendered to authorities Friday, a day after Pakistan's president vowed to wipe out foreign militants and their local supporters, the military said.

Eda Khan and Dawar Khan, both of the Sperlai Wazir tribe, were taken into custody in Shakai, the scene of last month's military operation during which authorities say they killed 100 people, including 30 local tribesmen.

**Indonesia terror:** Indonesia wants to interrogate top regional terror suspect Hambali and told the U.S. secretary of state Friday that its appeal for access to the suspect—who is in American custody—is more urgent following the recent arrests of six militants here.

Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda made the request to interrogate Hambali at a meeting with Colin Powell on the sidelines of the security meeting, Indonesian officials said. Powell said U.S. authorities would consider the request, said foreign ministry spokeswoman Marty Natalegawa.

**Fighting in Afghanistan:** U.S. and Afghan troops battled rebels in a mountainous Taliban stronghold, killing five and capturing seven, officials said Friday.

Four other people were reported killed in separate clashes in Uruzgan province.

U.S. spokesman Maj. Rick Peat said one Afghan soldier was injured in the fighting, which broke out when a joint U.S.-Afghan patrol encountered a group of militants.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Insurgents launch rocket strikes in Baghdad

## Attacks fall short of Green Zone; three more hostages released

BY TODD PITMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents launched a series of rocket strikes in Baghdad on Friday, hitting two hotel compounds used by Westerners, police and witnesses said. Three hostages — two Turks and a Pakistani — were released by their captors.

In Sunni-dominated Anbar province, a U.S. Marine was killed Friday and a second died of wounds suffered in a separate engagement the previous day, the U.S. command said.

Also, the Arab state of Yemen said it was willing to send peacekeeping troops to Iraq if the deployment had U.N. backing and was under the control of the world body, Foreign Ministry officials said.

A day earlier, Jordan's King Abdullah II announced he was willing to send troops to help the new Iraqi government, potentially becoming the first Arab state to do so.

In one of Friday's strikes, insurgents used the back of a van parked just off central Baghdad's Firdous Square to fire rockets from a multiple-rocket launcher, a U.S. soldier told The Associated Press. Another soldier said the launcher fell over as a third round was fired, setting the vehicle ablaze.

One rocket from the attack struck the Sheraton Hotel but caused only minor damage. A second exploded in the parking lot of the Baghdad Hotel, used by Western security contractors.

The U.S. military said insurgents were aiming for the nearby Green Zone, the heavily guarded area across the Tigris River that houses the U.S. Embassy and offices of Iraq's newly sovereign interim government. In a separate attack in central Baghdad, insurgents fired rockets near the Marjani Hotel, which also is used by Westerners.

One rocket struck a statue in nearby Wathiq Square and another landed near the Indonesian Embassy without exploding, police said.

The attacks were the latest in a campaign by insurgents that has

continued despite Monday's handover of sovereignty from the former U.S. occupation authority. About 160,000 foreign troops, mostly American, remain in Iraq.

In Washington, a former Coalition Provisional Authority official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said American officials believe the insurgency is being carried out by about 4,000 to 5,000 Saddam loyalists.

Other violent acts are being committed by a couple hundred supporters of Jordanian terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and another group of hundred foreign fighters, the official said.

American officials believe the followers of Saddam, not al-Zarqawi, pose the greatest threat to the new government.

But there is little that Saddam, who was arraigned in court Thursday, has provided in the seven months since his capture to help illuminate the threat. In an interview in London on Thursday with the British Broadcasting Corp. television "Newsnight" program, Jordan's king said it would be hard to turn down any request to help Iraq's new government.

"I presume that if the Iraqis ask us for help directly, it would be very difficult for us to say no," he said.

"Our message to the president or the prime minister is: Tell us what you want. Tell us how we can help, and you have 110 percent support from us," he said. "If we don't stand with them, if they fail, then we all pay the price."

Kidnappers, meanwhile, fulfilled a promise to free two Turkish hostages after their employer agreed to stop doing business with the U.S. military in Iraq, Turkish authorities said.

The two Turks released Friday were Soner Sericali and co-worker Ermut Kizil. They were reported missing June 1.

The kidnappers, who identified themselves as the Mujaladin Brigade, freed the two men after their employer, Kayteks, pledged to stop working in Iraq.



CHARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

A fire burns after a rocket attack in Baghdad on Friday. Insurgents launched a series of rocket attacks Friday, hitting two hotel compounds. The U.S. military said the rockets were intended for the nearby Green Zone.

Al-Jazeera television showed the two men kneeling before three masked insurgents, one of whom read a statement saying the men were being released after having promised not to work with coalition forces.

"To honor the Muslim Turkish people, and upon the repentance of the two hostages, and their pledge not to do such a thing again... we decided to release them in return for nothing," the gunman said.

An official at the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the release, adding that no ransom had been paid.

Thousands of Turks work as truck drivers or contractors in Iraq.

The captives were accused of working for the U.S. occupiers.

Also Friday, officials in Islamabad said a Pakistani driver who was held hostage has been freed.

Anjad Hafeez's captors had threatened to behead him unless President Gen. Pervez Musharraf

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

By The Associated Press

As of Thursday 853 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 632 died as a result of hostile action and 221 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths: Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major

combat operations in Iraq had ended, 715 U.S. servicemen have died — 523 as a result of hostile action and 192 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command

■ A soldier died in a non-combat related vehicle accident Wednesday just north of the Iraq-Kuwait border.

■ A soldier was killed Thursday by an explosive attack on a convoy south of Mosul, Iraq.

■ A Marine was killed Thursday in Iraq's Al Anbar Province while conducting security and stability operations.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No new identifications.

closed Pakistan's embassy in Iraq and ordered all his countrymen home.

More than 40 people from sev-

eral countries have been abducted in Iraq since April, many of them released or freed by coalition soldiers.

## Military reinstates Fallen Friend medals after controversy

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee — The Army has reversed itself and will continue to help a nonprofit group distribute honorary medallions that cite a Bible verse.

Fallen Friend, which since 1995 has distributed nearly 2,000 medallions to survivors of those killed in the line of duty, had been told by the Army in May that it could no longer help forward the medallions because its inscription "John 15:13" was inappropriate and might of-

fend some families.

The verse, which is not on the gold-colored medallion, reads: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The chief of the Army's Casualty Operations Division notified Fallen Friend President Bob Parker on Thursday of the Army's change of heart.

"Upon further evaluation, it has been determined that while there is a Biblical reference on the medallion, this reference is not of such nature that it is likely to be offensive to

most next of kin," Lt. Col. Kevin Logan wrote in an e-mail to Parker. "I am sincerely sorry for any inconvenience our earlier decision made on you and your organization."

Since word spread of Parker's troubles with the Army, he has received numerous e-mails and letters in support. "This is what makes America beautiful," Parker said in a telephone interview. "If people hadn't gotten involved, the Army wouldn't have changed its mind."

The military branches provide Parker the names of the deceased, and he sends the medals to the branches to be distributed to the survivors.

# Kimmitt: U.S. forces to stay despite handover

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

**BAGHDAD** — Despite this week's handover of political control to the new Iraqi government, U.S. troops will be staying in Iraq for the long haul, military officials said.

It could take years before Iraq's own security forces will be ready to defend themselves and the Iraqi people, according to Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for Multinational Forces Iraq.

"Six months from now, we will review our force numbers, and it may allow us to start a reduction in the number of forces," Kimmitt said Wednesday in an interview with Stars and Stripes. "But it will be months, if not years, until we see the mission complete and have a freestanding and fully capable Iraqi security forces."

"[Our exit strategy] is to have a competent, trained, equipped and fielded Iraqi security force that can do the job themselves. We've always had that as our mission."

"We would like to do it quickly but are more concerned with doing it right," Kimmitt said. "We don't want to stay one day longer than necessary, but we don't want to leave one day soon-

er than necessary."

U.S. forces will also be expected to stay on the offensive, Kimmitt said, though U.S. military leaders would increasingly confer on operations with Iraqi leadership when possible.

Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, former commander of the 101st Airborne Division, is overseeing the training of Iraqi forces, Kimmitt said.

Maj. T.V. Johnson, of the Fallujah-based 1st Marine Expeditionary Forces, said Marines there would not see an overnight difference in how they do business on the ground.

"Eventually we'll move off the horizon as the Iraqi security forces take a greater lead in security," Johnson said.

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**Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt**

Deputy operations director for Multinational Forces Iraq

cial Gov. Abdullah Jabouri prior to dropping four 500-pound bombs on an insurgent stronghold, according to Capt. Bill Coppennell, a 1st ID spokesman.

"This meeting is a prime exam-

Kimmitt said parts of Iraq are more stable and self-sufficient than others, therefore enabling local and military leaders to work together more closely.

For example, in recent fighting in Baquba, north of Baghdad,

Col. Dana Pittard of the 1st Infantry Division met with Diyala provincial Gov. Abdullah Jabouri prior to dropping four 500-pound bombs on an insurgent stronghold, according to Capt. Bill Coppennell, a 1st ID spokesman.



U.S. Army 1st Cavalry soldiers approach a home in the Ghazaliya section of Baghdad on Wednesday, during a raid in search of a suspected insurgent financier. Despite the transfer of power to the interim Iraqi government, officials say U.S. troops will remain in Iraq indefinitely.

ple and the standard for what is expected from this point on," Coppennell said.

The 1st ID's close relationship with local leaders in Diyala facilitated the meeting, Kimmitt said. That relationship has helped decrease the guerrilla-type violence prevalent in tenser areas such as Fallujah, west of Baghdad.

"This [bombing in Diyala]

might have been a situation where they wanted to make sure the leaders were aware of what was going on," Kimmitt said.

Iraqi security officers will eventually become first responders to flare-ups in their local communities, Kimmitt said, with U.S. and other forces holding back but responding as needed.

Those changes will come on a community-by-community

basis, he said. In bigger cities such as Baghdad, local security duties would be assumed one neighborhood at a time.

Furthermore, U.S. troops would continue to detain prisoners who posed a threat to Iraqis, said Kimmitt, adding that prison operations were being reviewed and that Iraqi oversight might be integrated into some prisons.

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## Activated Guard, Reserve may be due FICA refund

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

**ARLINGTON, Va.** — Reserve and National Guard members whose civilian employers are continuing to pay them a salary while they are deployed may be due a partial tax refund from the federal government, according to Pentagon officials.

Among the Internal Revenue Service's myriad tax rules is one that exempts activated Guard and Reserve servicemembers from paying Federal Insurance Contribution Act, or FICA, taxes on any supplemental income.

Supplemental income is the partial salary that some employers keep paying to activated employees, in order to make up any differences between the money they receive from the U.S. military and their civilian wages.

No law requires employers to make such payments, according to Wayne Spruell, principal director for manpower and personnel for the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

"But we know a goodly number of employers will make up part of the differ-

### How to get your FICA back

- Reserve component members who think they may be due a refund should look at their civilian pay-stubs to see if any FICA taxes have been taken out.

- If FICA has been paid, contact your civilian employer and explain that both of you are due refunds (employers pay a portion of FICA taxes).

- Ask your employer to seek a refund by filing an amended tax return using IRS Form 941. Your employer is then responsible for reimbursing you for the taxes paid from your wages.

ence," Spruell said in a Thursday telephone interview.

Although their military wages are tax-free as long as the servicemember is deployed, reservists who are receiving supplemental payments from their civilian employers still have to pay income taxes on that money.

However, a retired Army Reserve officer,

- If for some reason the employer refuses to file an amended return, you may file a refund claim using IRS Form 843. Your employer will still need to sign a statement that says he is seeking reimbursement of the FICA taxes.

- IRS forms can be downloaded at: [www.irs.gov/formspubs](http://www.irs.gov/formspubs)

- For assistance or questions, contact your unit's financial officer, or a qualified tax adviser.

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs

er, Lt. Col. Frank Scattene, was poring over the tax code this spring when he found a provision that appeared to indicate that the IRS does not consider supplemental wages as "payments for services rendered," which means FICA does not apply, Spruell said.

Scattene, a certified public accountant who works with the Lehigh Valley Military

Affairs Council, a nonprofit Pennsylvania advocacy organization, contacted Spruell's office with his findings in late April.

Spruell asked DOD lawyers to bring the possible exemption to the attention of the Defense Department's Tax Council, which deals with matters concerning the armed forces' federal, state, local and foreign tax liabilities.

After discussing the matter with counterparts in the IRS, attorneys on the council declared the exemption to be valid, Spruell said.

"We've had our tax lawyers look at it ... and it's been confirmed by our attorneys that this is, in fact, how the IRS interprets the law," Spruell said.

Employers, which pay a portion of each worker's FICA taxes, are responsible for filing documents that will result in refunds from the IRS. [see box].

Refunds to employees would vary from a few hundred to thousands of dollars, depending on how much supplemental income the employee is receiving and how long the employer has been taking out FICA by mistake, Spruell said.

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# MP reprimanded in Iraq prison abuse trial

BY STEVE LIEWER  
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — A court-martial panel Thursday sentenced a military police platoon leader who acknowledged striking three Iraqi prisoners in Baghdad last summer to a reprimand and a fine in one of the first cases of alleged prison abuse to come to trial.

First Lt. Glenn A. Niles Jr., 31, of the 615th Military Police Company, tearfully pleaded guilty to a charge of conduct unbecoming an officer for his outburst July 30, 2003, at the Al Tajl police station in Baghdad. As part of a plea agreement, he was acquitted on three counts of cruelty and mistreatment of the prisoners.

The fine totaled \$12,036, and a formal reprimand typically halts an officer's career. But the 10-member panel of officers heeded the pleas of Niles and his lawyer, Capt. Robert Stelle, that he not be imprisoned or dismissed from the Army.

"It's certainly a victory for the defense, and a very just result," Stelle said. The military co-prosecutor, Capt. Brian Sardelli, also praised the panel's conclusion.

"Lieutenant Niles is a stellar officer who snapped for about four or five seconds," he said. "I think the sentence fairly reflects what Lieutenant Niles did."

Niles had joined the Army in November 2000 after earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's in counseling and working several years as a drug-abuse counselor, according to testimony from his wife, Tamara. He already had been the leader of 615th

## First Lt. avoids dishonorable discharge, jail

MP Company's 1st Platoon for 18 months when his unit deployed to Iraq from its home base in Grafenwöhr, Germany, in March 2003. Three months later, Niles' platoon was assigned to train Iraqi police recruits at Al Tajl. They worked 12- to 16-hour days, seven days a week, without relief from the stifling heat, said soldiers in the unit.

The police station included a small jail to temporarily hold criminal suspects. On July 29, the police brought in three men — Ahmed Gadi Jodair, Muh-sin Ali Mundi and Hidar Abdulameer — who were suspected of stealing a car and killing its owner.

That night, said Staff Sgt. Richard Goolie, a 1st Platoon squad leader, Niles learned that the three men had tried unsuccessfully to escape by punching a hole through the wall of the jail with a pipe.

The next morning at the jail, Niles told Goolie and two other soldiers to bring the three Iraqis into the room where the hole had been cut. Goolie said Niles lined the three prisoners up and shouted repeatedly at the men, "Did you do this?" but they didn't understand. Then, Goolie said — demonstrating for

the court on one of the prosecutors — Niles grabbed the first man by the shoulder with his left hand and slugged him with his right. He did the same to the second. As Goolie jumped to restrain the platoon leader, the third prisoner fell to his knees and pleaded, "No, no!" but Niles kicked him in the shoulder.

Shocked, the three soldiers escorted Niles out of the room. Goolie said he had never, before or since, seen a soldier hit a prisoner. "I told him not to ever put myself or my soldiers into the position again," he said.

Lt. Col. John Garrity, the battalion commander, said he transferred Niles to his headquarters staff after the incident, and he served well until the unit returned to Germany in February. He said the incident seemed isolated, and it wasn't even mentioned in his evaluation report.

Numerous soldiers and officers who served alongside Niles praised him. They blamed the incident on the extreme stress of working in hot, dusty Baghdad, a city riddled with anti-coalition insurgents.

"I don't condone his behavior or what he did," Garrity said. "But Lieutenant Niles could work for me anytime, anywhere."

Although preliminary charges were filed last September, the case languished until this spring, about the same time news broke of the much more serious systematic abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

An Article 32 hearing officer in May recommended Niles be reprimanded. But Brig. Gen. Robert Williams, the court-martial convening authority for Army units in northern Bavaria, ordered a general court-martial instead.

Niles could have been sentenced to as much as one year in prison and dismissal from the Army — akin to a dishonorable discharge for enlisted troops.

Sardelli argued for a sentence stiff enough to deter others from beating prisoners. He accused the MPs of hiding and minimizing Niles' abuse.

"He's an officer — a police officer, an MP, who, in front of his subordinates, beats Iraqis, beats detainees," Sardelli told the panel. "This case is bigger than Lieutenant Niles, bigger than an assault. ... Send a message that this type of conduct is not tolerated. We don't treat Iraqis like dogs."

Stelle urged mercy for a man he described as showing "duty, honor and courage" but who snapped under stress.

"I'd never ask you to excuse what Lieutenant Niles did, but I'd ask you to understand how it happened," Stelle said. "He crossed the line. He made a mistake."

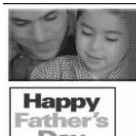
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### Happy Father's Day


SFC Jeremy Smith

We love you with all our heart and soul. Please be safe and come home soon. Love Michelle and Sebastian



### Our Dad, Brian M. Wilson

To a wonderful husband and amazing father. We are with you in spirit! From your loving family Lindsay, McKenzie & Dylan. To a #1 Dad! We are so proud of you. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



SFC Timothy Schmidt

We love you and are so proud of you! Thank you for the sacrifices you have made over the past 20 years for our family and our country. Happy Father's Day! Cindy, Mike, Megan & Budi

## Pair issued Article 15s after smuggling AK-47 from Iraq

BY JON R. ANDERSON  
Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Two V Corps soldiers have been handed punishments for smuggling an assault rifle out of Iraq.

"The two soldiers each got field grade Article 15s for smuggling an AK-47," said V Corps spokeswoman Hilde Patton.

An Article 15 is one of the Army's ways of punishing soldiers without formal charges or a court-martial and is typically reserved for minor offenses.

In this case, one soldier is a sergeant first class, the other a sergeant.

Both soldiers belonged to the corps' headquarters company.

The punishments, said Patton, included reduction to E-4 for the sergeant as well as a fine. The sergeant first class was handed extra duty and a fine. E-7s and above cannot be stripped of rank in anything but a court-martial.

Patton was unable to determine the amount of the fines.

Regulations bar soldiers from bringing most "war trophies" home from combat zones. While enemy uniforms and even knives are permitted, all firearms and explosives are strictly forbidden. V Corps officials said that the AK-47 was not operational and did not have a bolt in it.

In fact, if prosecuted, the two soldiers would have faced a maximum punishment of five years in prison, reduction to E-1 and a dishonorable discharge.

Instead, the soldiers' commander, Capt. Douglas Zahn, consulting with his superiors and Army legal experts, opted for much lighter punishment.

"The decision was based on what could be prosecuted in a courtroom," said Patton.

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## 3 GIs charged in Iraqi jumping death

DENVER — Three soldiers have been charged with manslaughter in the drowning death of an Iraqi man who was forced to jump off a bridge near Baghdad in January, the military said Friday.

A fourth soldier, who like the other three is from Fort Carson, faces charges for allegedly ordering a second Iraqi to jump. That man survived.

The Army said the drowning happened Jan. 4 in the city of Samarra. It described the victim as a detainee, but no other details were released.

Two of the soldiers, 1st Lt. Jack M. Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins, are charged with manslaughter, assault, conspiracy and obstruction of justice, according to officials with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood. Sgt. Reggie Martinez is charged with manslaughter and SPC. Terry Bowman is charged with assault from The Associated Press



KEVIN DOUGHERTY/Stars and Stripes

Family and friends wait eagerly for the arrival of 1st Armored Division soldiers returning from Iraq on Friday in Baumholder, Germany.

# Baumholder welcomes 1st AD soldiers home

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY  
Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — The curvaceous country road leading to Baumholder is laced with scores of bed sheets and signs that more or less convey the same message: Welcome Home.

One spouse of a 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment soldier devised a playful way to greet her guy. In succession, her signs, spaced about a mile apart, read: Getting warm. Warm. Really Warm.

In so many ways, Friday marked a memorable moment for the 1st Armored Division. Between now and roughly the end of the month, regular waves of front-line troops are expected to arrive home at their duty station after more than 14 months in Iraq.

The Baumholder military community, which lost 26 soldiers during the deployment, was the first to roll out the red carpet and strike up the band.

"It's a wonderful thing to see Baumholder come alive," said Antonio Denson, the incoming sergeant major for the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment.

Denson spoke courtside as he and a couple of hundred family members, friends and colleagues waited for about 150 soldiers to walk into Smith Barrack's main gymnasium, known as the Hall of Champions. A couple of hours earlier, a similar sized contingent, made up mostly of 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment soldiers, arrived to a heroes welcome.

On this day, Denson wasn't there to welcome his new charges. Instead, he came to lend moral support to the 1-35 and 1-6. His turn will come later next week.

"It's a great feeling to see the wives so happy," he said, looking into the stands.

Like the road leading into town, the gymnasium, and really the entire scene, are festoon with all sorts of messages of support and affection for homebound troops. A regional brewery even got into the act, strung above a main road in town a welcome home sign.

In the bleachers back at the gym sat 21-year-old Crystal Young. She came with other members of her family to greet her pop, Command Sgt. Major Wayne Andrews. Young brought along a sign for the occasion, which read: "I-6 Hooah!"

Young was all smiles, laughing and joking with a friend while her younger sister worked the family's home video camera. But when Young was asked what it is she wants her father to know, her emotion changed and she began to cry.

"I want him to know that I love him," she said as a tear streaked down her left cheek. Young then nodded toward her kid sister and said: "We did a lot of growing up since he was gone."

For 1st AD troops and their families, the road home got longer this spring when the division was told it would be extended for up to 120 days to quell a series of uprisings in and around Baghdad, as well as in cities south of the capital, such as Najaf and Karbala.

During the extension several Baumholder troops died in combat. Eight soldiers of the 4-27 were killed by a car bomb in Baghdad on April 29. A month later, two soldiers died when their vehicle hit an explosive device the day before Memorial Day.

Capt. James Hoffmann, the rear detachment commander for the 1-6, said the two deaths marked the last fatalities suffered by Baumholder's 2nd Brigade.

"We thought we were going to make it all the way through" the deployment without a fatality, Hoffmann somberly said in a telephone interview Thursday.

But on this day, Friday, and for the next few weeks, cheer and relief and happiness will mostly prevail.

After the troops walked into the gymnasium to a thunderous applause, after an invocation and the briefest of speeches, and after the national anthem and Army song, the place erupted. The people in the bleachers rushed out onto the basketball court to touch and feel their spouse or parent or friend.

"They look fabulous, marvelous, beautiful," 1st Sgt. Desiderio Fierro of Company B, 1-6 Infantry said of his wife, daughter and son.

Several troops spoke of unwinding at home this Fourth of July weekend.

One spouse said she hopes the rain doesn't stop because she wants to stay home with her hubby.

Fierro's wife, Vera, plans to whip up a pot of his favorite soup. Regina brought her dad flowers for the occasion, and Desi Jr. wants to talk to his dad about his future now that he has graduated from high school.

Outside the gym, Sgt. Manolo Gonzalez seemed to be soaking in the cooler temperatures and admiring the lush, green terrain all around him.

Gonzalez said he still has a ways to go before he's reunited with his wife, Priscilla, who is back in the United States staying with her family.

"I'm just glad to be home," Gonzalez said before repeating himself.

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## MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

# Defense officials explain delays in CRSC payments

In December 2002, a law took effect that made Air Force Lt. Col. Gordon J. Brymer of San Antonio, and perhaps 40,000 other military retirees, eligible to have lost retired pay restored, effective June 1, 2003.

Most of them had suffered serious combat-related injuries. When they received VA compensation for service-related conditions, they saw their military retirement reduced or stopped, the result of a law banning "concurrent receipt" of both full retired pay and VA compensation.

Brymer, who has diabetes and heart ailments from exposure to the defoliant Agent Orange in Vietnam, was glad to see Congress finally act to ease that ban. In January 2004, Congress

tripled the number of retirees eligible to see retired pay restored under the same program, Combat-Related Special Compensation.

Today, 18 months after Congress passed CRSC, Brymer and thousands of retirees suffering from serious combat ailments and injuries have yet to receive full CRSC. Brymer, 73, figures he is owed at least \$18,000. The total amount monthly by about \$1,400. What irks him more is the lack of official explanation for the delay. "Just tell me what's going on!" he said.

In a Wednesday phone interview, officials at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Cleveland described a "mess" of administrative challenges to be addressed. They could not predict when these retirees, perhaps 10 to 15 percent of CRSC applicants, will see full monthly CRSC, or a catch-up payment for missed or partial CRSC payments as far back as June of last year.

The impacted retirees all have 20 or more years of service, and disabilities that the Department of Veterans Affairs decided makes them 100 percent "unemployable" or so severely handicapped that they qualify for Special Monthly Compensation atop regular VA disability pay.

Defense officials figured out how to pay CRSC to restore dollar-for-dollar offsets in retired

pay caused by regular VA compensation tied to combat injuries.

But officials have not pinned down how to automate full CRSC for those who lose additional retired pay due to VA compensation paid for Individual Unemployability, or as Special Monthly Compensation. This primarily affects officers and senior enlisted, those more likely to have retired pay remaining to offset when they became eligible for IU, SMC or both.

DFAS has had greater success launching Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments, also effective as of Jan. 1. Paid to retirees with disabilities rated 50 percent or higher, that may or may not be combat-related, it also restores lost retirement automatically, versus having to apply for CRSC. But it does so over 10 years, rather than immediately.

CRSC "is a bit of expectation gone wrong," Bell said. The deputy program manager for DFAS retired pay operations based in Cleveland. "People perceived that, as soon as we got the guidance ... we would be able to pay. [But that guidance] was still silent on a number of issues and didn't work out the technical processes."

Karen Bell, deputy program manager for DFAS retired and annuitant pay operations, said that the Office of the Secretary of Defense (in April), we would be able to pay. "But that guidance, Bell said, "was still silent on a number of issues that would work out the technical processes."

Bell works for Lockheed Martin Corp., which got the contract to run retired pay operations for DFAS in January 2002, part of a wider government initiative to cut administrative costs with private contractors. Defense civilians maintain oversight and, in the same interview, offered assurances that DFAS is working with the VA, the services and policymakers on CRSC.

DFAS officials plan no mass mailings to explain CRSC delays but will post notices at [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil). Retirees who receive service notification of CRSC approval, but aren't paid within the VA, can visit call DFAS at (800) 321-1080.

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# 81st gearing up for war

## Spangdahlem-based fighter squadron performs 3-week exercise in preparation for deployment

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany** — In nearly six years as an A-10 Thunderbolt II crew chief, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Baldwin had never seen the warplanes unleash their firepower.

Baldwin, 24, stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, had been on plenty of exercises and served in Afghanistan last year. But it wasn't until a training trip to Slovakia that he got to watch the planes practice the missions he'd always prepared them for.

"It makes you appreciate all the work you do on a daily basis. You can see the effect of what you put into making this job happen," said Baldwin, 24, of Castle Rock, Wash.

Baldwin is among 190 members of Spangdahlem's 81st Fighter Squadron wrapping up a three-week exercise in Slovakia. At Malacky Air Base near Bratislava, Baldwin watched from the flight line as A-10 pilots swooped over their targets and dropped inert bombs, then swung back and fired Gatling gun barrages.

Most of the time, pilots take their aircraft on far-flung, real-world missions out the crew chiefs' line of sight. And most exercises launch from a base to a weapons range far away, Baldwin said.

At Malacky, the A-10 crew got a front-row seat.



GERARDO D. GONZALEZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeremy Baldwin, of the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron out of Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, marshals in an A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter jet Wednesday piloted by Capt. Tim Summa, of Spangdahlem's 81st Fighter Squadron at Malacky Air Force Base in Slovakia.**

Training at the Kuchyna Range offers pilots of eight 81st A-10s an opportunity to practice deploying as a unit to a bare-bones base, pilot Capt. Diallo Creal said. The amenities are better than the tent-living in Afghanistan, but not as comfortable as in Germany, he said.

In the three-week exercise, Creal and 19 other A-10 pilots flew 16 sorties a day and fired 200-400 rounds a day from the 30-mm Gatling gun, he said.

The pilots dropped BDU-33s, an inert bomb about the size of a

bread loaf that sends up a puff of smoke when it hits. Cameras set up along the range record the accuracy of the hits.

"It's a test run for when we go on our next deployment," said Creal, 30, of Atlanta. The 81st will likely be tapped for a Middle East tour later this summer, a Spangdahlem spokesman said.

"We're not being shot at here," Creal said. "You can't simulate everything. But it is good practice for wherever we end up going next."

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# Schweinfurt's July 4 celebration activities

Carnival rides, sports, music and fireworks highlight the Fourth of July celebration this weekend in Schweinfurt, Germany.

On Saturday:

- 5K, 10K or 20K walk/run/bike ride "to Iraq and back," 6 a.m. to noon.
- Food and beverages will be available at various booths, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- German-American horse-shoe-throwing tournament, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Carnival rides, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Child and Youth Services will have numerous games, including football throw and tug of war, for kids and teens, 2 to 6 p.m.
- Music at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent, 4 to 11 p.m.
- On Sunday:
- Championship softball game and carnival rides, starting at 10 a.m.
- Free batting at Kessler batting cages for children under 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Batting for adults costs \$1. Bowling will be \$1 all day.

■ Kids' bike parade and decorating contest, noon to 1 p.m.

■ Tennis doubles tournament, 1 to 3 p.m.

■ Bingo in MWR tent, 1 to 3 p.m.

■ Climbing wall set up for free use, 1 to 5 p.m.

■ Musical entertainment provided by a disc jockey, 1 to 6 p.m.

■ Commander's greeting and salute to the state flags, from 6 to 7 p.m.

■ Special surprise, superhero guest activities and games with kids at CYS, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

■ CYS inflatables are set up for children to play on, from 2 to 6 p.m.

■ 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Kessler Gym, from 2 to 4 p.m.

■ Autographs and picture session with Superman, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ Superman gives a motivational speech, 6 to 7 p.m.

■ Musical entertainment with the Dusty Brothers in the MWR tent, 7 to 11 p.m.

■ Fireworks display, 10:30 p.m.

## Messages of Support



Dear David, We are sending our love and support knowing that you are doing your utmost to do what you have been trained to do the last four years. There are so many people praying for your safety, those you do not even know. We love you and are so proud of you, and pray for your safe return soon! Love, Mom and Dad (R. Mohave, AZ)



Dear Vaughn!! Sweetie just a short note to tell you how much I am missing you. I love you very much. Please take of yourself, stay safe and hurry come home. Know that you are always in my thoughts and specially in my prayers. I love you, Lidian Bridges



I just wanted to say thank you and god bless to those still serving on active duty in the Gulf. My Friends and I are gulf 1 vets and know what your doing is LONG overdue. Jerigen



Just want you to know that we love you and miss you. Can't wait until you return. All our love, your wife and daughter, Elizabeth and Michelle.



Thank you for all you are giving up to protect all of us at home and to make our lives and those of your family and friends safe. We worry about ALL of you everyday and pray for your safe return. Robert Alan we all miss you and love you very very much. Be safe. I love you and am very proud of you. Love Aunt Cindy



To VENTURA, Jonell, just to let you know that you are always in our thoughts and in our prayers. Please continue to be strong and we expect you to come home safely. The whole Ventura family and friends are praying for your safe return. We love you son!! Val and Grace, Parents



Thank you for serving our country. I have family members who were in the Air Force. Mick, fourth grade.

## Zwack takes over

Col. Peter B. Zwack has taken command of the 66th Military Intelligence Group in Darmstadt, Germany.

Zwack replaced Col. Gus E. Greene Sr. at a ceremony Monday at Kelley Barracks, a 233rd Base Support Battalion release said.

Zwack recently came from Kosovo, where he served a yearlong deployment with NATO's Kosovo Force. He also has served in South Korea, and in Aschaffenburg, Augsburg and Wiesbaden, Germany, among other assignments, according to the release.

Greene will be working in the Pentagon's office of the deputy assistant secretary for military intelligence.

## Patton's son dies

**BOSTON** — Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, son of the legendary World War II general of the same name, has died at age 80.

Patton suffered from a form of Parkinson's disease and died on Sunday, said his wife, Joanne.

A West Point graduate like his father, he saw combat in Korea and Vietnam.

Father and son both commanded the Army's Second Armored Division.

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## IN THE STATES

# 'Godfather' actor Brando dead at 80

BY BOB THOMAS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Marlon Brando, who revolutionized American acting with his Method performances in "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "On the Waterfront" and went on to create the iconic character of Don Vito Corleone in "The Godfather," has died. He was 80.

Brando died at an undisclosed Los Angeles hospital Thursday, attorney David J. Seeley said Friday. The cause of death was being withheld, Seeley said, noting the actor "was a very private man."

Brando, whose unpredictable behavior made him equally fascinating off the screen, was acclaimed the greatest actor of his generation, a two-time winner of the Academy Award who influenced some of the best actors of the generation that followed, among them Al Pacino, Robert De Niro and Jack Nicholson.

"Marlon would hate the idea of people chiming in to give their comments about his death. All I'll say is that it makes me sad he's gone," said Francis Ford Coppola, who directed "The Godfather."

He was the unforgettable em-

bodiment of the brutish Stanley Kowalski of "A Streetcar Named Desire," the mixed up Terry Malloy of "On the Waterfront" (which won him his first Oscar) and the wily Corleone of "The Godfather" (which won him his second.) But his private life may best be defined by a line from "The Wild One,"



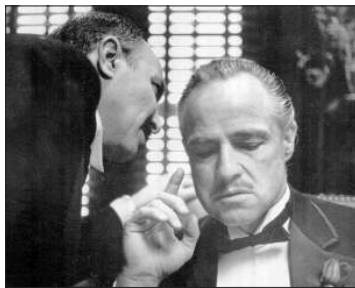
Brando

in which Brando, playing a motorcycle gang leader, is asked what he's rebelling against.

"Whattaya got?" was his famous reply.

His most famous act of rebellion was his refusal in 1973 to accept the best actor Oscar for "The Godfather." Instead, he sent a woman who called herself Sasheen Littlefeather to read a dis-tribute about Hollywood's treatment of Native Americans.

Brando's private life turned tragic years later with his son's



Bonaser, portrayed by Frank Puglia, left, asks Don Vito Corleone, portrayed by Marlon Brando, for a favor in a scene from the 1972 movie "The Godfather." Brando passed away from undisclosed causes at a Los Angeles hospital Thursday. He was 80.

conviction for killing the boyfriend of his half sister, Cheyenne Brando, in 1990. Five years later, Cheyenne committed suicide, still depressed over the killing. She was 25.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1924, Marlon Brando Jr. grew up a pudgy, mischievous boy called Bud. At 19, he moved to New York and studied acting with Stella Adler. He appeared in such plays as "I Remember Mama," "A Flag Is Born" and "Truckline Cafe" before the Tennessee Williams play

that made him famous, "A Streetcar Named Desire" in 1947.

His first marriage was to actress Anna Kashfi in 1957; they separated a year later. In 1960 he married a Mexican actress, Movita, who had appeared in the first "Mutiny on the Bounty." They were divorced after he met Tahitian beauty Tarita, and bought an island, Tetiaroa. All three wives were pregnant when he married them. He had nine children.

Details about funeral plans weren't disclosed.

## FBI issues holiday alert

WASHINGTON — A constant stream of intelligence indicating that al-Qaida wants to strike the United States this summer or autumn has led federal officials to urge increased vigilance for U.S. Independence Day weekend, but there is no specific threat of an attack timed to the holiday.

In a bulletin sent to law enforcement agencies nationwide Thursday, the FBI said police should step up patrols and watch for signs of terrorist activity, including surveillance of potential targets.

The FBI also listed advice on how to spot possible suicide bombers.

"We know the U.S. homeland remains a top al-Qaida target," the FBI said in the bulletin, sent weekly to 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies.

Fourth of July celebrations are among the symbolic events that U.S. officials say could present an inviting target to al-Qaida, which intelligence reports indicate will attempt an attack during summer or fall. An attack also could be timed to coincide with the national political conventions or the November elections, plus the Olympics in August in Athens, Greece.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said the warnings were not issued because of a specific threat.

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# IN THE WORLD

## Deadly car bomb raises new fears in Turkey

### 3 dead, 24 injured in nation's Kurdish southeast

BY JAMES C. HELICKE  
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A car bomb blast in a bustling street in an eastern Turkish city Friday killed at least three people and injured 24 others, sparking fears of renewed separatist fighting in the country's mainly Kurdish southeast. The government quickly vowed to keep up its fight against the rebels.

The apparent target of the attack, Hikmet Tan, the governor of the city of Van, was not injured when the remote-controlled bomb went off in a busy shopping area. He accused autonomy-seeking Kurdish rebels, who last month ended a unilateral cease-fire, of carrying out the attack.

The rebels, however, denied any involvement. Militant leftists and Islamic groups are also active in Turkey.

Tan said the casualties were all bystanders, including a 12-year-old child peddling bubble gum on the street.

"Turkey will never tolerate terrorism," said Foreign Minister

Abdullah Gul. Turkey "will always fight terrorism."

The car used in the blast was reduced to a charred and smoldering chunk of metal. Blood could be seen on the street and windows of a nearby building were shattered. The blast burst a pipe on the street which was flooded by water.

The windows of the governor's car were shattered in the blast. Holes could be seen in the side of his luxury car.

Tan said a suspect had been detained and police also said they found another bomb in the area and defused it.

The attack was the latest in the surging violence in Turkey's overwhelmingly Kurdish southeast since the rebels announced on June 1 that they were giving up a five-year unilateral cease-fire, saying Turkey had not responded in kind.

The blast also came amid Turkish reports that the United States crack down on Kurdish rebels who have bases across the border in northern Iraq. Turkish leaders emphasized the issue

when U.S. President Bush visited Turkey last weekend.

Some 37,000 people were killed before the rebels suspended hostilities in 1999 following the capture of their leader, Abdullah Öcalan, and Friday's attack renewed fears of new hostilities in the region.

"These are efforts to again create fear and terror," said Tan, who blamed the attacks on the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, now known as KON-GRAGA-GEL. The group is considered a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union.

"This is a terrorist attack not against me, but against the people of Van," he said, adding that the victims were Kurds.

The rebels, however, denied involvement in the bombings, saying they condemn "every action that would cost the lives and assets of civilians," according to a statement made to the Germany-based Mesopotamia news agency, which often reports rebel group statements.

There have been reports of splits within the group's leader-

## Turkish police say explosives found ahead of NATO summit

BY JAMES C. HELICKE  
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Police on Friday revealed they found explosives at Istanbul's airport last week — only hours before the arrival of the prime minister and two days before U.S. President George W. Bush and other NATO leaders came for an alliance summit.

Police spokesman Ramazan Er said police had defused explosives in a parking garage in Istanbul's airport on June 25 but provided no other details.

Another police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

said that 14 pounds of triacetone triperoxide, or TATP, an explosive that has been used by Turkish Marxist groups, was found in a parking garage.

The official said a small Marxist group, MLKP-FESK — which claimed responsibility for an Ankara blast last Thursday outside the hotel where Bush had been scheduled to stay — was also believed to have been involved in the airport plot.

The bomb was found in a tire inside the parking garage, newspapers reported. It is not clear if the bomb could have caused damage beyond the garage.

ship between factions that favor a return to violence and those who advocate a political struggle.

Four Kurdish former lawmakers — Leyla Zana, Hatip Dicle, Orhan Dogan and Selim Sadak — who were recently released from prison — condemned Friday's attack. The four were in conviction for 10 years following prisons on

charges they supported the rebels.

"We condemn this attack, no matter who did it," the four said in a statement.

Security concerns in Turkey have been heightened since November, when four suicide truck bombings blamed on al-Qaida killed more than 60 people in Istanbul.

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# Messages of Support

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★ To ALL service people in the Gulf...My Prayers are with you Daily & I know what you're going thru-My Son was a Medi-Vac pilot there in the Orig. War there...Be Patient with the war-You will Prevail!!! Peace be with you all....R.G. Cook---N.J. (I'm also a Vet)

★ I miss you here..... God bless you!! LOVE YOU: your daughter, D. MEDINA

★ I sit in my home thanking God that you are there for me, thanking him for every blessing I have, my warm meal, my shoes on my feet, my life and especially my liberty and freedom. I do this hoping and praying it will be over soon. Come home safe.

★ Hello, My name is Lisa. I live in Sherrills Ford, North Carolina with my husband and our 10 year old twin boys. Sherrills Ford is a small community on Lake Norman about an hour northwest of Charlotte. Today we are enjoying the beautiful Carolina sunshine. It's in the mid 70's and feels wonderful outside. I've been fortunate enough to spend some time outside today. However, I find myself turning on CNN every few hours to see what is going on in Iraq. I know what we see on tv is only a very small part of the whole picture. I am writing to you now because I just want to tell you how much we appreciate what you are doing for not only your country, but for the world. The terrorism our world has faced is not something I want my children to have to live with when they are adults. I really believe what you are doing in Iraq is, in the end, going to make the world a safer and better place. Thank you for your service to our country and for the personal sacrifices you are making. Again, thank you. I pray for your family and speedy return. Lisa

★ To All the Soldiers, I am proud to say that I am a Soldier in the U.S. Army. Although, I am not deployed or stationed over there in Iraq, my heart still goes out to each and everyone of you that are there. Just wanted to say YOU ALL are in our prayers and thoughts everyday...I am so proud of each of you for fighting for our great country. I know that YOU ALL give 100% + each and every day in your efforts of perseverance during this time of war. Thank you, M. S. Flores

★ Please accept my sincerest thanks on behalf of myself and my family. I have nothing but the deepest admiration for all you have sacrificed for this country. I especially want you to know that by far the vast majority of Americans feel the same way and we wish you the best and pray for your safe return. God bless America and the greatest Military in the world!! Randy, Jeanne, Jamie and Charlie W. Bradenton, FL

★ We are office tech students from Wallace College, Hanceville, AL who wish to send our prayers and support to our troops. God Bless and come home safe.

★ I am very grateful for the freedom you are fighting for. I have a husband and two small children. The freedoms that we enjoy are only because of men and women like you who have earned it and kept it. I am doing my part as I support each of you and President Bush, through prayer and service. America is my home!! DAD, David, Brett, Rob, Ben, Darrell, God bless you and keep you safe. You are in our prayers daily. love, Kortney

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## Autograph of a hero

"Those are the heroes! I want their autographs!"

Here mom told me, "... You'd have thought she just saw Elvis Presley!"

But her 11-year-old star-struck eyes weren't staring at any Hollywood celebrity; she was sitting in an Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, watching dozens of soldiers being injured in the emergency room.

This admiration comes from a girl who, from the one-sided conversations I've heard between her and her mother (who works with me) doesn't seem to be the kind of kid you'd expect to recognize the sacrifices — indeed, heroism — these people are carrying out on a daily basis.

While the average American reads the occasional somber listing of heroes, of the American casualties in Iraq printed in various newspapers, here's this 11-year-old, feisty little girl who argues and complains at her mom a lot and who is watching the wounded — soldiers with head injuries and missing limbs; young American soldiers who will likely suffer in some way for the rest of their lives yet their heroism will go forever unknown — and she is insisting that her mother take her closer to them because "I wanna meet the heroes."

She was in Landstuhl with her mom who had gone there for some corrective eye surgery. She saw a bus pull up and unload wounded soldiers. She heard someone say that they were soldiers from Iraq.

"Those are heroes," she said, "I want their autographs!"

They approached a young man who was seated near them. Though he was in a camouflage uniform, he didn't appear to be injured.

"You're a hero," the little girl observed. "I'm not a hero, those guys in there are — in the emergency room; they're the heroes," the young soldier answered.

"No. You're a hero, too. You fought for our country. Were you in any battles?"

Yes, I was — there were mortars, like missiles," he explained, "coming into our camp almost every day."

"Aren't you over there fighting to defend people's freedom?"

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"Yes."

"Then you're a hero. Can I have your autograph?"

She got the autograph, the autograph of a hero.

Chief John Musser

Naples, Italy

## No liberal bias in media

The writer of "Fox can be trusted" (June 30) repeats a myth, that of the "liberal news media," as part of his argument that Fox News can be trusted.

There is no liberal bias in the U.S. media, particularly the light news outlets called, CBS, PBS (not actually a news or broadcasting outlet, rather, it funds programs) and NBC.

Fox claims that there is a liberal bias, but like so much else on Fox News, that is not true. Fox is right wing, unapologetically so, to the extent that the talking Fox heads just make "facts" up. The other media, including those funded in small part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, are decidedly right-of-center on political and economic issues. Only on social issues are the networks anywhere close to center.

Mostly, they are the networks straying into blue territory.

And for the stories that Fox covers that the other networks seem to miss, well, Fox certainly does seem fascinated with O.J. Simpson (still), Michael Jackson (still) and Los Angeles police car chases. Those stories are not "news," but are tabloid journalism, aka entertainment.

I do, however, agree that Fox News can be trusted. Trained to misrepresent, distort and outright fabricate. The truth about bias in U.S. news media is out there, you just will not find it on Fox. Don't trust me just because I write; do your own research.

Capt. Charles Clark

Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

## Augmented assignments

I am an individual mobilization assignment reservist who has been involuntarily mobilized since April.

I want to state up front that I am not whining about being mobilized and am honored to serve the Army and nation in the global war on terrorism. However, imagine my surprise when I read in Stars and Stripes the explanation that "IMAs are assigned to higher level headquarters where they would serve if mobilized."

It was almost as surprising as the set of orders that arrived in mailbox in March with no prior warning.

I was an IM assigned to the Defense Contracting Management Agency-East headquarters in Boston, yet now that I am mobilized, I'm assigned to HHIC, III Corps. And I am not the only one. There were about 30, if not more, IMAs who processed through the CONUS Replacement Center at Fort Bliss, Texas, the same time I did who were all in the same situation. I'm from the Selective Service, U.S. Military Academy instructors, and Training and Doctrine Command posts, to name a few, were all involuntarily mobilized and assigned to III Corps.

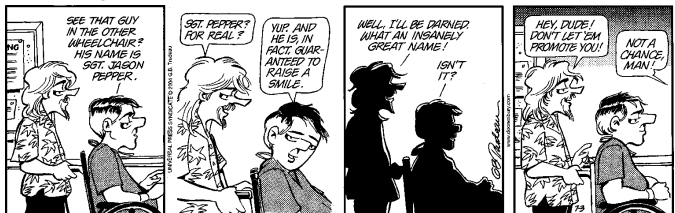
It would be nice if Stars and Stripes could provide more accurate reporting, but it would be even better if the Army would be more candid with IMAs about the range of assignments they might be mobilized for.

Maj. Thomas F. Champion Jr.

Baghdad

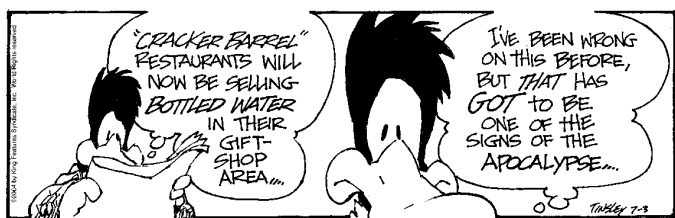
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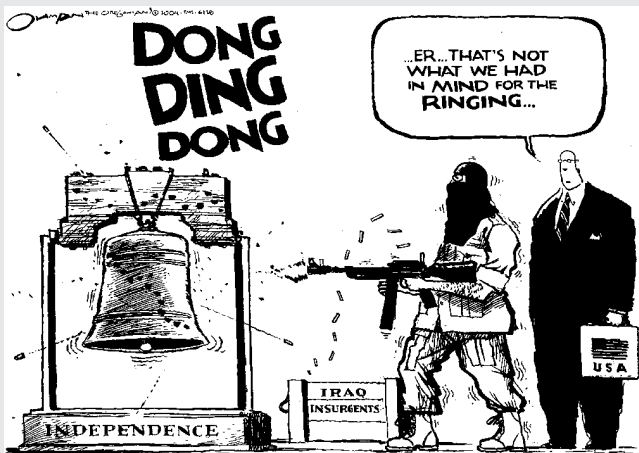
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## Kansas crashes

**KS** PEABODY — A six-vehicle crash in a highway construction zone left five people dead, a day after two others died in a collision at the same place, authorities said.

In both crashes, a tractor-trailer hit a passenger vehicle that had stopped or slowed down near where the two-lane U.S. 50 changes to one lane. Crews are doing repairs along a 22-mile stretch of the highway.

A nine-mile stretch of the highway was closed Wednesday following Tuesday evening's accident.

Last month, two people were killed in the same construction zone when their van was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer. The accidents occurred about 40 miles northeast of Wichita.

## More street shootings

**MI** DETROIT — Gunfire erupted following a fight on the city's east side Tuesday night, leaving three men dead and three other people wounded, police said.

Deputy Chief Ronald Haddad said the shootings happened after two women were fighting outside a home and one of them returned with a man. Shots were then fired, hitting six people, Haddad said. The victims ranged in age from 17 and 45, police said.

Two victims were hospitalized in critical condition, authorities said. Haddad said the man, who was shot in the chest, and a woman shot in the knee appeared to be innocent bystanders who were at or near their homes.

Others wounded included a 17-year-old girl who went to a hospital on her own with a bullet wound to a hand, police said. The injury wasn't considered life-threatening.

Police didn't immediately release information about a suspect, and said they didn't know whether all those killed were involved in the fight.

## Death row cleanup

**MS** JACKSON — A federal appeals court ruled that conditions on Mississippi's death row are so bad it amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, with inmates stuck in filthy, hot cells and given inadequate mental health care.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday ordered the state Department of Corrections to make changes including repairing toilets, adding screen windows and fans and improving mental health care.

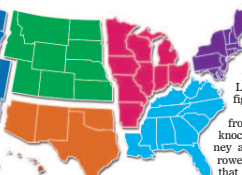
The court also directed the state to house inmates with severe mental illnesses separately from others.

## Serious sibling rivalry

**PA** POTTSVILLE — A woman who apparently believed her sister was an unfit mother accused her of poisoning an infant in an attempt to gain custody of the child, police said Tuesday.

Kelly Heffner, 29, was baby-sitting her 2-month-old nephew Thursday when she told police that one of the child's bottles smelled like toothache medicine in the child's diaper bag. She accused the baby's mother of drugging the baby's formula, according to police.

The child was taken to a hospital



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emergency room, where police said he was found to be healthy.

Police said Heffner, of Birdsboro, eventually confessed to rubbing the medicine on the lip of the baby's bottle herself.

## Well-timed delivery

**MA** WEYMOUTH — Giving birth is like clockwork for Cheryl Steljes.

The Cohasset woman gave birth to a son, Adam, on Sunday at 10:12 p.m. That was four years to the minute after the birth of her daughter, Lindsay, on June 27, 2000.

"None of it was planned. It was all coincidence," father Stephen Steljes said.

Both babies had a June 15 due date and were nearly two weeks late. But they were born at different hospitals.

Lindsay weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and Adam is 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Cheryl Steljes said she "really didn't want them to have the same birthday," but 4-year-old Lindsay doesn't seem to mind.

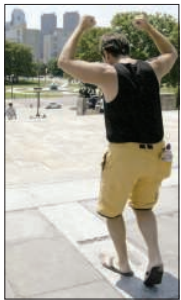
"I'm going to share," she said.

## Imitating St. Nick

**CA** LANCASTER — An 11-year-old boy had to be rescued by firefighters after he got stuck in a chimney while trying to get into his friend's locked house.

"I wasn't Santa Claus," said Rance Hill, who spent 1½ hours in the chimney Tuesday.

The Antelope Valley boy said he was trying to help a friend when he



## Eye of the tiger

**Scott Guttentag of Santa Barbara, Calif., raises his fists in the air as he mimics a scene from the film 'Rocky' at the top of the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps.**

shimmied down the chimney at about 4:30 p.m. and got stuck feet-first. His friend was unable to pull him free and called Los Angeles County firefighters.

They tried to get him out from below and even knocked a hole in the chimney at a point where it narrowed to about 8 inches but that didn't work, fire Inspector Mike McCormick said.

"My foot was stuck," Hill said. Finally, they were able to haul up the sooty youngster with a rope.

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**PA** ALUM BANK — Harley-Davidson fans can finally take their final ride in style.

Tombstone Hearse Co. two years ago began building hand-crafted Old West-style casket carriers that are pulled by a modified Harley-Davidson Road King.

"We take a regular bike and turn it into a motorbike with special gears to pull a heavier load," said company co-founder Dave Follmar. "We can accommodate most caskets, including oversized units."

Follmar, a retired cabinetmaker, came up with the idea 12 years ago. With the help of construction expert Jack Feather, Follmar has now franchised the idea and has a network of hearses in service stretching from Texas to Michigan and New Jersey.

## Rowdy party meeting

**TX** AUSTIN — Tensions at a Republican meeting boiled over with assault charges against a GOP member accused in an attack on a fellow party member.

Law officers on Wednesday charged Stephen Titus Runyan, the sergeant at arms for Travis County Republican Party Chairman Alan Sager, with assault with injury after they said he "physically removed" Brian Russell from a May 26 meeting at a Holiday Inn in Northwest Austin.

Russell, who in May was a candidate for the state Republican executive committee for Senate District 14, had wanted to videotape the county GOP executive committee meeting.

"It was just very uncivil," Russell told the Austin American-Statesman in Friday's online edition.

## Don't moon the judge

**CT** MILFORD — A man who dropped his pants in court and mooned a judge was jailed for six months on a contempt charge.

Richard Brown, 38, shouted insults and obscenities after Superior Court Judge Patrick Carroll told him to address the court as "sir." He dropped the pants of his two-piece prison jumpsuit and pointed his rear end at the judge.

Brown continued to shout taunts and expletives Wednesday as he was restrained by state marshals and forcibly escorted through a side door to a holding cell.

Brown's outburst came during a plea hearing. He was expected to plead guilty to armed robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery in exchange for a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

After the outburst, the prosecutor withdrew the plea agreement.



## High roller

visit to the area with friends.

**Matthew Marlinson soars over a ramp at a skate park in Watertown, Wis., during a**



## Time traveling

**A wagon train travels on an overpass above Interstate 25, east of Wellington, Colo. The group is traveling from Wellington to Greeley, Colo., in covered wagons, re-enacting the famous travels across the Cherokee Wagon Train trail.**



## Cooling off

**Juan McQueen, 10, plays on a giant orange sprinkler at the East Bradenton Aquatic Center as temperatures in the area are soaring into the 90s in Bradenton, Fla.**





**Row your boat**  
on the surface of the lake.

Lynette Thomas rows on Town Lake in Austin, Texas, during a lull in rainfall. One of the large homes above the lake on the south shore is reflected on the surface of the lake.



## Sneaking a peek

An endangered hooded crane chick nestles under the protective wing of its mother at SeaWorld San Diego, Calif. The chick, hatched on June 14, becomes the 33rd hooded crane in the North American zoological population. Hooded cranes typically nest in bogs in China and Siberia, and most of the 9,500 hooded cranes in existence winter in Japan.



## Plebe summer begins

Daniel Frary, of Farmington, N.M., learns the proper way to salute during Induction Day at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Just under 1,000 incoming plebes registered at the Naval Academy's induction for new students.



## Waiting for the call

An Ester, Alaska, volunteer fire truck sits outside the Chatanika Lodge, some 30 miles northeast of Fairbanks. Firefighters were getting ready to protect the lodge from the 117,500-acre Boundary Fire, which was advancing.

## Police officer fired

**OK** BIXBY — A police officer who shot a family's tethered dog while investigating a burglar alarm was fired Wednesday for making an obscene gesture to television news crews during a class on assessing canine threats.

Officer Cory Forister denied making the gesture intentionally but was fired for conduct unbecoming an officer, police Chief Anthony Stephens said.

Forister made the gesture Tuesday during the Humane Society class that Bixby officers were required to attend after he shot a 6-year-old golden retriever named Fluppy on June 5. Fluppy had to be euthanized.

## Some slack for donors?

**OH** CLEVELAND — An edgy new advertising campaign to promote organ donation hints that police officers should cut speeds who may be organ donors some slack.

"Hey policeman," a Cleveland billboard calls out, an arrow pointing to a donor insignia on a young man's license, "give this guy a break."

The advertisements by LifeBanc, the Cleveland-based organ procurement agency for 20 counties in northeast Ohio, are meant to attract attention, a spokeswoman said.

"We wanted to get people thinking," said the agency's Monica Heath, noting that 1,300 people in northeast Ohio are waiting for organs.

## Texas deputies sue

**TX** HOUSTON — Seven black deputies and a former deputy claim in a federal lawsuit they were wrongly forced to pose for a lineup after a woman claimed she was sexually assaulted by a black man in a sheriff's uniform.

The seven men said the incident in June 1999 was meant to humiliate them in front of jail inmates and other officers because they are black. A letter with the lawsuit said the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission concluded in 2001 that the incident violated the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

No one was ever charged in the attack, James Phillips Jr., president of the Afro-American Sheriff's Deputy League, told the Houston Chronicle.

## Dropping a bomb

**PA** ERIE — A man who soiled his underwear and tried to dispose of the evidence by tossing it over the fence of the city's largest reservoir has been fined \$5,000.

The city bomb squad and hazardous materials crew responded after an Erie Water Works employee spotted a black bag near the 33-million gallon Sigbee Reservoir last month.

The reservoir was shut down for several hours while the bomb squad X-rayed the bag and hazardous materials crews waited to test it.

Police tracked down Troy Mustil, 18, of Erie. He told police he'd been ill and soiled his underwear. He changed at a friend's house,

then climbed over two barbed-wire-topped fences to ditch the skivvies.

## Remembering history

**NJ** GREEN BROOK TOWNSHIP — A time capsule buried in the cornerstone of an elementary school 66 years ago has been saved from oblivion — thanks to a man who remembered witnessing the ceremony.

Rens P. Eelman, 74, was age 8 when the small metal box was put in the cornerstone of the Irene E. Feldkirchner Elementary School in 1938. When part of the building was scheduled to be demolished last week, Eelman accompanied Committeewoman Melonie Marano to look around the school for any artifacts the township might want to preserve.

It was during the tour that Eelman remembered the time capsule. Workers found the capsule where Eelman said it would be.

The capsule is on display at the township municipal building, and Marano said she will discuss what to do with it with the Board of Education.

## \$18,000 grill gone

**MO** KANSAS CITY — Barbecue champ Paul Kirk is flaming mad over the theft of his custom-made \$18,000 grill.

"It was a slap across the face of mankind," said David Klose, the Houston man who built the giant custom-made barbecue cooker.

"It's like stealing a man's Corvette, it's a cardinal sin."

Kirk's 15-foot grill and the \$8,000 van that pulled it were stolen over the weekend, along with food intended for a catering job — at least 10 pounds of brisket, a few chickens and a tall stack of ribs.

The cooker and the van were recovered Tuesday at an apartment complex in Merriam, Kan. Roeland Park [Kan.] Police Chief Rex Taylor said police had no suspects and are investigating the crime as an auto theft.

## Old ether disposed of

**ME** FAIRFIELD — Members of the Fairfield State Police bomb squad detonated two containers of ether that were found in a high school chemistry lab. The containers were exploded outside of Lawrence High School after they were found to have been there since 1989. Waterville fire Capt. David LaFountain said as ether gets old, it becomes volatile and powerful enough to "take the roof right off the building."

## Tests lost in mail

**VA** FAIRFAX — More than 270 Edison High School students learned that a United Parcel Service conveyor belt in Kentucky ate their Standards of Learning exams. Some students will have to retake their tests over the summer or in the fall. But what's really painful for school administrators is the fact that it's the second time in two years that tests from Edison have been lost. Students have to pass the high school reading and writing tests, along with four other SOL exams, before they can graduate.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## YOUR MONEY

# Adding in the middleman

## Sellers hiring help to auction wares on eBay

BY HARRY R. WEBER  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Yes, people go to eBay simply to buy and sell stuff to each other. But as the Internet auction site becomes increasingly popular, it's attracting a fast-growing crowd of businesses who want to be part of the process.

Global shipping UPS Inc.'s recent decision to link up with a company that helps auction goods on eBay reflects how much money businesses think can be made as middlemen. They see people like Lee Ann Fletcher as a promising customer base.

Fletcher, 35, wanted to sell off a piece of china, a vase and a few other odds and ends around her home. She just didn't have time to do the legwork after long hours working for her family's roofing business.

So the Atlanta woman took her wares to The UPS Store, which shipped them to eBay AuctionDrop, a company that posted them on eBay and will send her a cut when they sell.

"It's worth the money else making a little bit more money just to save the time," she said.

Companies big and small are now seeing even a small slice of eBay's action as worth the effort. In its last quarterly report, eBay Inc. said customers exchanged more than \$8 billion in merchandise in just three months. It expects its sales to easily exceed \$3

### Someone else to sell your stuff online

The success of the online auction site eBay has spawned companies, such as iSold It, that will handle the transaction for you.

#### How it works



1 Drop off the item you want to sell, a price is set and you get a receipt.

2 The item is photographed and listed on eBay for seven days; if it doesn't sell, an e-mail will notify you to come pick it up.



3 After the item sells, it is shipped to the buyer and you're sent a check.

Source: iSold It

billion this year. Based in San Jose, Calif., eBay Inc. boasts 104.5 million registered users.

"The historical notion of eBay being strictly a consumer-to-consumer platform is somewhat anachronistic," said Scott Kessler, an equity analyst with Standard & Poor's in New York. "You have hundreds of thousands of folks on there now that make their living on eBay."

Mom-and-pop retailers seeking to expand their markets long have been part of the eBay landscape. Now much bigger partnerships are blossoming.

For instance, Hewlett Packard Co. announced last month it would

set up a "photography zone" on eBay to help people photograph their wares, a key part of the auction process. It's also a way for HP to pitch its own products.

And eBay's online payment unit, PayPal Inc., recently announced an agreement with consumer credit provider GE Consumer Finance to give qualifying customers virtually instant credit.

The majority of eBay's registered users are buyers. So, the several dozen companies out there acting as middlemen figure there is a windfall to be made by making it easier to sell for people who are sitting on the sidelines watching.

EBay's happy to have them. "We



Sonia Lopez, assistant manager of iSold It in San Antonio, holds items received recently for auction. As eBay's popularity grows, businesses have sprung up to help people sell items on the Web auction site.

think the idea is great," said eBay spokesman Hani Durzy. "What it promises to do is open up the eBay marketplace to that segment of society that are not listing items on eBay for any number of reasons."

The teaming-up of Atlanta-based UPS and San Carlos, Calif.-based AuctionDrop has gotten the most attention.

Customers can drop off items worth at least \$75 at any of the 3,400 UPS Stores in the United States. UPS packs and ships the items to AuctionDrop.

Employees there photograph the items, test their functionality and post them on eBay.

If the item sells, AuctionDrop sends the money to the customer, minus a commission that ranges from 20 percent to 38 percent depending on the value of the item. AuctionDrop pays UPS for the shipping costs. The only other charge to the customer are some nominal fees eBay charges.

If an item doesn't sell within seven days, AuctionDrop returns it to the owner at no charge.

AuctionDrop chief executive Randy Adams said his 5,000-company company has not yet turned a profit since opening its first store in March 2003, but he believes that will change soon thanks to new venture capital and the UPS deal.

Another eBay middleman with national aspirations is Pasadena, Calif.-based iSold It. The firm has two walk-in stores and plans to open 50 more this year.

Unlike AuctionDrop, however, iSold It is sticking with building through franchising its own stores rather than through the stores of another company that does multiple things, such as UPS.

"I feel strongly that consumers are going to have more confidence in a single-minded storefront focus on eBay," said iSold It President Elise Wetzel, whose stores act solely as an eBay middleman. "To me, it's like when gas stations sold videotapes and then Blockbuster came to town."

Since starting in December, privately held iSold It has turned a profit, Wetzel said, though she would not release numbers.

Helen Sullivan, a 33-year-old stay-at-home mom from North Olmsted, Ohio, said she dropped off a stereo receiver at The UPS Store a few weeks ago and it was later returned to her by AuctionDrop because one of the speaker outlets wasn't working. AuctionDrop absorbed the shipping costs.

She's not deterred, and plans to try to sell a laptop computer next. "It hasn't cost me a dime," she said.

## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

### INDEXES

INDEXES														
52-week		Low		Name		Net Chg		% Chg		YTD % Chg		52-week		
High	Low											High	Low	
10,513.15	8,271.25	Dow Jones Industrials	10,513.15	-111.18	-1.07	-13.51	10,513.15	8,271.25	Dow Jones Industrials	10,513.15	-111.18	-1.07	-13.51	
3,205.56	2,370.58	Dow Jones Transportation	3,172.01	-31.30	-1.01	+5.49	+31.33	3,205.56	2,370.58	Dow Jones Transportation	3,172.01	-31.30	-1.01	+5.49
283.52	229.46	Dow Jones Utilities	275.64	-2.25	-0.81	+3.27	+49.45	283.52	229.46	Dow Jones Utilities	275.64	-2.25	-0.81	+3.27
6,798.12	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,544.76	-562.81	-8.86	+1.62	+17.04	6,798.12	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,544.76	-562.81	-8.86	+1.62
1,728.81	938.77	Amex Index	1,645.93	-3.89	-0.24	+6.12	+47.41	1,728.81	938.77	Amex Index	1,645.93	-3.89	-0.24	+6.12
1,586.92	1,068.92	Nasdaq Composite	1,575.55	-32.24	-2.07	+4.11	+21.77	1,586.92	1,068.92	Nasdaq Composite	1,575.55	-32.24	-2.07	+4.11
1,161.23	959.84	S&P 500	1,128.94	-11.99	-1.04	+5.13	+42.63	1,161.23	959.84	S&P 500	1,128.94	-11.99	-1.04	+5.13
471.50	347.50	S&P 500 VIX	468.17	-3.33	-0.71	+0.88	+22.52	471.50	347.50	S&P 500 VIX	468.17	-3.33	-0.71	+0.88
696.42	441.22	Russell 2000	582.43	-9.99	-1.54	+1.58	+27.63	696.42	441.22	Russell 2000	582.43	-9.99	-1.54	+1.58
11,371.14	9,227.46	DJ Wilshire 2000	11,024.15	-114.76	-1.03	+2.88	+16.59	11,371.14	9,227.46	DJ Wilshire 2000	11,024.15	-114.76	-1.03	+2.88

### AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				
Name	Vol	Last	Chg		Name	Vol	Last	Chg		Name	Vol	Last	Chg	
Lucient	3950.40	3.61	-1.17		Nasdaq100	12652.53	27.61	-3.89		Microsoft	7774.17	28.63	+0.37	
Cardinal	34.00	32.08	-0.10		SP-500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Oracle	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
3M	30.00	32.01	-1.51		Amex	1645.93	14.54	-0.24		United	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Wells Fargo	28.00	4.42	-0.04		Dow Jones	10513.15	14.54	-1.07		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Pharm	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Health	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Energy	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Financial	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Technology	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Healthcare	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Telecom	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Real Estate	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Commodities	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	
Other	17.01	11.33	-1.11		S&P 500	1178.94	11.24	-1.04		Facebook	605.52	11.81	-0.12	

### NYSE

TOP DEFENSE STOCKS					TOP MILITARY FUNDS				
Name	Vol	DV	Last	Chg	Name	NAV	Chg	% Chg	
Alliant Technology	-	15	62.06	+38	+0.2	Fidelity Invest-Gratic	36.94	-29	+1.6
Airnet Holdings	-	53	34.94	-	+0.2	Fidelity Invest-Gratic	35.28	-84	+33.3
Boeing	-	22	119.2	-	+0.2	Amer Century Inv Gratic	27.81	-23	+44.4
Computer Sciences	-	20	58.66	-77	+1.2	Amgr	40.02	-	0.0
Engenpro Sp Inc	-	87	26.48	-44	+5.5	Potomac Funds A: Gratic p	18.04	-20	+1.1
General Dynamics	-	11	51.11	-	+0.2	Fidelity Invest-Gratic	35.28	-84	+33.3
General Electric	-	50	32.01	-39	+0.2	Frank Temp Fund A: S&M C	21.02	-33	+1.8
Healthstream	-	20	36.77	+0.1	+0.4	AMM Investments & Coast p	31.88	-	0.0
Navis Corp	-	10	32.01	-	+0.2	Fidelity Invest-Gratic	35.28	-84	+33.3
Alfred Sp	-	75	23.36	-57	+7.9	Fidelity Advisor T: Commu	28.64	-35	+1.1
Boeing	-	22	119.2	-	+0.2	Fidelity Invest-Gratic	35.28	-84	+33.3
Lockheed Martin	-	23	51.63	-65	+1.1	Fidelity Invest-Gratic	35.28	-84	+33.3

### AMEX

Sequa Corp.	29	43	57.40	-1.07	+11.1	AIMI Investments & Charita p	26.26	-1.38	
Telex Instruments	28	29	22.54	-0.46	-15.9	Merr Lynch L Balcapi	12.94	-1.21	
Hydrex Inc.	1.30	33	98.43	-3.2	+1.4	Scudder Funds S: Int'l Finc	39.13	-1.6	+1.9
United Technologies	1.40	19	90.70	-7.8	-4.3	Fidelity Advisor T: Oversea	15.74	-1.4	-3.3
						Land Abbot A: DEVGA p	15.84	-2.9	
						Scudder Funds S: Income S	12.71	-0.4	+6
						Merr Lynch L: USGRU p	10.17	-0.3	-3
						Scudder Funds S: Devel	18.15	-2.8	-1.7
						Merr Lynch L: USGRU p	12.23	-0.4	+3

### AMEX

Most Active (\$1 or more)	Home	Vol	Last	Chg	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Home	Vol	Last	Chg		
Lincoln	395.00	1.51	-1.17	Nasdaq-100	1,575.55	27.61	-3.89	Microsoft	77.41	28.03	+0.37
Cardinal	34.00	32.08	-0.10	SP-500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Oracle	60.52	11.81	-0.12
3M	30.00	32.01	-1.51	Amex	1,645.93	14.54	-0.24	United	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Wells Fargo	28.00	4.42	-0.04	Dow Jones	10,513.15	14.54	-1.07	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Pharm	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Health	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Energy	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Financial	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Technology	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Healthcare	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Telecom	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Real Estate	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Commodities	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12
Other	17.01	11.33	-1.11	S&P 500	1,178.94	11.24	-1.04	Facebook	60.52	11.81	-0.12

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1.25
British pound	\$1.8
Japanese yen (July 6)	106.0
S. Korean won (July 3)	1,124.0
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.816
Canada (Dollar)	1.332
Denmark (Krone)	6.11
Egypt (Pound)	6.
Euro	\$1.21
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.799
Hungary (Forint)	205.8
Iceland (Krona)	72.



## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Mostly cloudy with rain-showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s and lows in the lower to mid 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly to mostly cloudy with morning thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid-50s to lower 60s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with highs in the 70s and lows in the mid-50s to mid-60s.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s. Lows in the lower 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s and lows in the lower to mid-50s.

**Hungary:** Mostly cloudy with highs in the mid-70s and lows in the mid-50s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

**Southern Italy:** Sunny with highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

**Kosovo:** Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

**Norway:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower to mid-60s

**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny with highs in the mid-80s to mid-90s. In southern

**Turkey:** Partly cloudy with highs in the lower 80s to lower 90s. Lows in the 50s in central Turkey and 60s elsewhere.



## AFRICA

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Cape Town	61	46	Mogadishu	81	73
Dakar	83	77	Nairobi	74	59
Freetown	83	75	Rabat	86	69
Kinshasa	80	65	Trienli	88	73





## THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	63	54	Manila	86	77
Bahrain	110	86	Mexico City	73	55
Beijing	88	70	Montreal	76	59
Beirut	86	72	Riyadh	110	88
Bermuda	86	77	Rio de Jan	84	66
Caracas	80	66	Seoul	84	72
Helsinki	68	51	Sofia	82	66
Hong Kong	92	84	Sydney	65	47
Lisbon	85	65	Tokyo	81	63



For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at <https://ows.sembach.af.mil>

Sunrise (London) To

Sunset (London)	2122	2121
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2138	2137
		
Last qtr.	New moon	First qtr.
		
		Full moon

# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Limp Bizkit off the hook

Limp Bizkit and lead singer Fred Durst aren't liable for the injuries a fan suffered at a 2000 concert, an appeals court ruled.

The fan, a paramedic, was kicked in the head after Durst invited concertgoers to come down to the main floor, the Michigan Court of Appeals said.

In a unanimous decision released Wednesday, the appellate court said Durst did not act irresponsibly by inviting concertgoers to come down to the main floor during a performance at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

An eyewitness said someone in the crowd kicked the paramedic, Christopher Dickinson, as if he were a soccer ball.

"The thug who kicked [Dickinson] in the head violated his duty to [Dickinson] and, if caught, should be held accountable," the appeals court said.



Durst

## Judd campaigns for AIDS awareness

Ashley Judd will visit Cambodia next week to raise AIDS awareness and to launch new health products and services, a U.N. program said Thursday.

The star of "Double Jeopardy" and "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" also will visit Thailand and attend this month's international AIDS conference in Bangkok, according to YouthAIDS, run by the nonprofit Population Services International.

Her visits will include trips to clinics and schools to speak with children about the threat of catching HIV. She'll tour the Cambodian capitol of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, home to the famed Angkor Wat temples, during her stay.

In Asia, 7 million people are HIV positive, with about 2 million of those ranging from 15-24 years old.



Judd

## Ban on Marcos film appealed

A Manila, Philippines, film distributor Thursday appealed a local court's temporary ban on a documentary that Inelda Marcos, widow of dictator Ferdinand Marcos, has said portrays her in a bad light.

Distributor United Pictures Inc. is appealing the ban in the Supreme Court, saying it involves crucial democratic issues.

"The abusive, inexcusable and wrongful exercise of [the judge's] restraining powers is an assault not only on the liberty of the press but on the very bedrock of democratic government," United said.



Marcos

## Bennett dinner a charity ripoff?

Gary Pusteri may ask to read the fine print next time he bids on dinner with a celebrity.

Billed as "Dinner with Tony Bennett," Pusteri paid \$15,000 — the highest bid — for what he thought was to be an evening meal with the 77-year-old singer at a downtown Italian restaurant in Baltimore last weekend.

Instead, Pusteri and more than 100 others got to shake Bennett's hand. And when it came time to eat, the retired computer analyst ate on the second floor, while Bennett dined with his guests on the first floor.

"It was a big disappointment," Pusteri said. "I really wanted to be with him. That's why I bid extra."

Pusteri, 52, placed the bid at a charity auction held moments before Bennett took the stage at a concert to raise money for ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease) research at Johns Hopkins.

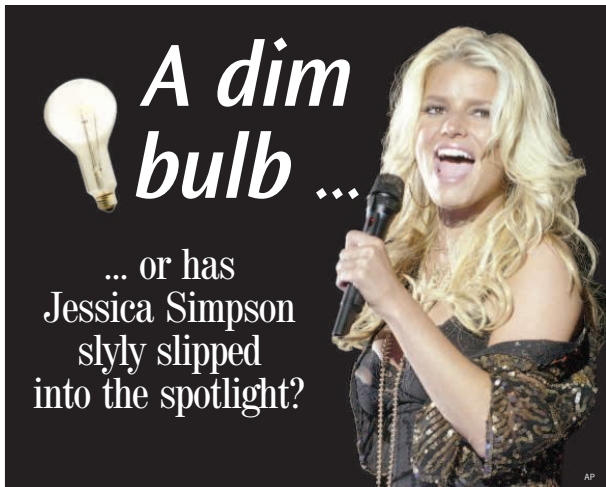
When Pusteri arrived at the restaurant, he and his guests were ushered to a table, complemented by a sight of Bennett.

"I never actually saw him except when he left the limo," he said. "I got to shake his hand, but I expected to walk in with him and sit down."



Bennett

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



# A dim bulb ... or has Jessica Simpson slyly slipped into the spotlight?

BY JIM ABBOTT  
The Orlando Sentinel

A blonde walks into the White House and meets Interior Secretary Gale Norton: "I really like what you've done with the place," she says.

The punch line, reported in Teen People, comes from Jessica Simpson, though it's open to conjecture whether the singer-turned-reality-star-turned-uber-product-pitcher is really a ditz or just one of those one-liners.

Either way, the popularity of her MTV series "Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica" has made the dazzling blonde America's most popular dim bulb since Suzanne Somers played Chrissy on "The Mary Tyler Moore" show follows Simpson's married life with pop star Nick Lachey.

It's hard to imagine "Newlyweds" would be such a cult hit without its famous "Jessica Moments," like when the reality-challenged pop star attempts to go camping, pump gas or discern the origin of Buffalo wings or Chicken of the Sea.

Is it an act?

"People call me a dumb blonde and to me, that's funny," Simpson says in a phone interview that she conducts while getting her hair and nails done. "I am ditz and I have been since I was a young girl flirting with boys."

"I always played into it because it's fun. That's me showing my imperfections that people can relate to, so they know I'm not perfect."

Rather than ditz or dumb, there's another word Simpson uses to explain her appeal: Real.

"Whenever you have an image, it always hurts you," she says.

"Your image should be your heart and who you are. It shouldn't be your costumes and this dance move or that dance move, or how you can shock somebody."

Simpson is content to leave the shock tactics to Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, singers who once overshadowed her in the teen-pop arena. Like them, Simpson auditioned for the 1990s version of "The Mickey Mouse Club" in Orlando, but she didn't make the cut.

Instead, the Dallas native had her first career break as a contemporary Christian act, touring with Kevin Franklin, CeCe Winans and God's Property. A preacher's daughter, Simpson maintained that moral perspective even when she scored her first pop hit in 1999 with "I Wanna Love You Forever."

When Britney and Christina were shedding clothes, piercing body parts and walking the aisle in Vegas, Simpson was keeping her virginity until her wedding night.

Now it seems like the approach might be paying off. Her wholesome image has made her ubiquitous in commercials for everything from pizza to breath mints. A new season of "Newlyweds" started Wednesday. She reportedly is in line to play Daisy Duke in an upcoming big-screen version of "The Dukes of Hazzard," beating out Spears.

If that triumph is sweet, Simpson isn't gloating. "I used to compete with people, and that was why my music was never successful," says Simpson, 23. "I was al-

ways comparing myself to something else out there, so I was always feeling like I was not good enough."

"Being myself, that's the best kind of success to have. There's no bells and whistles. You don't have to impress anybody with anything. Now people don't compare me to anyone else."

It doesn't offend Simpson to suggest that her career boom has less to do with her music or acting resume (which includes a stint on "That '70s Show") than a few silly scenes in a reality show.

"It all works together," she says. "It only works for me to be positive because that's how I am."

Simpson's latest album, "In This Skin," was re-released this year with bonus cover versions of Berlin's "Take My Breath Away" and Robbie Williams' "Angels." Another song, "With You," also was a chart-topping radio hit.

"She can really sing," says Adam Cook, operations manager at Orlando's 106.7 FM (WXLI), which booked Simpson for its annual Red, Hot and Boom Independence Day concert celebration last year. "She has a super-solid voice."

Fortunately, fans of Simpson's show don't worry too much about the music. Amanda Barrett, 24, tuned into "Newlyweds" on a whim after she heard friends talking about it.

"I was never a big fan of her before," says Barrett, an insurance-company claims adjuster in Orlando. "I'm not even a fan of her music, but I think the show is so outrageous it just draws you in. You have to see what she'll do next."

That easygoing manner separates Simpson from other stars who aim to be glamorous (Paris Hilton) or sexy (Britney), says one pop-culture observer.

"Jessica Simpson has really carved out an interesting niche in what was already a crowded cultural environment," says Robert Thompson, founder of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

"Newlyweds" kind of invented this other space for her," he says.

She took a little bit from the book of Anna Nicole Smith with the obliviousness and cluelessness, but she's so much more likable.

"With Jessica Simpson, you wanted to explain things to her and have her over for some pot roast. She's inserting herself into the culture as almost this Gidget character who's wholesome in her attractiveness."

Simpson keeps it real at her concerts by taking questions from audience members and showing funny TV clips.

"It's not about production," she says. "It's about the giving appreciation to the people who got me to the stage. I want people to relate to me."

She adds that anyone who expects her to dish out doozy comments on demand when she's out of the spotlight might be disappointed.

"They probably expect me to act that way, but five minutes into the conversation they'd probably say, 'I'm pretty shocked.'"

But not in a Britney way.



# Horoscope

This is the last day of Mercury's stay in Cancer. Tomorrow, the planet of communication transits into bigger-than-life Leo, and the conversational tone changes enormously. Enjoy the subtleties of human expression while you still can. If someone is keeping your secret, reinforce to this person that you're counting on him or her.

Joyce Jillson



**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 3).** You're a tower of strength this year! Decisive goal setting brings professional rewards in the next seven weeks. Know your worth, and don't settle for less than your true value. The new people who enter your scene in August enrich your life.

September is romantic — some of you will marry. Good signs for new relationships are Capricorn or Libra.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** For the most part, relationships just click, but there's always the exception. If there's one thing you can't stand, it's to feel like you're being palmed. Challenge the offending party to talk frankly so you'll know where you stand.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're usually hard on yourself, but maybe you shouldn't blame yourself for recent atmospheric disturbances. When no one is threatening to your self-esteem, you're simply gracious.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're very cool and popular — you know what's "in," and you wouldn't be caught dead out of style. It's easy to get caught up in meeting the needs of your friends and family, especially because it's so rewarding to be helpful.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're into convenience. You may be accused of being unromantic, but your pragmatism will be appreciated by the right people — people who are busy just like you. Go after what you want as if you know you're going to get it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's a head spinner of a day. Though there are many interpretations and reactions to the events that unfold, there

is really only one truth: You provide the really check that someone close to you really needs.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're in a sassy mood. Anyone who wants you to conform will be sadly disappointed! You'd rather persist in questioning the conventional so-called wisdom. Loved ones want to laugh, play and knock around ideas.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The impossible challenge of maintaining health, beauty and utter perfection is your focus. It's not easy to relax when your standards are this high, but then again, you'd never

get anywhere if you didn't shoot for the stars.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Glitches in the schedule could actually be a benefit to all involved. Be easygoing and unattached to the outcome. This might seem like an impossible order when things blow up into a bigger deal than they should be.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your ideas about romance and freedom may conflict. Keep working through this in your mind, but don't bring it up to your partner, as much as you'd like to, or you could do some permanent damage to the relationship.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You deserve to be free! Loved ones won't completely understand you. If you're going to fight, fight fair. Keep the objective problem in focus, talk about one situation at a time, and stick to the subject at hand.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The schedule doesn't go as planned, but you'll turn it into something better. Anything outside the normal routine is where you want to be. You're craving variety, color, culture and excitement. New people help you grow in spirit.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your sense of humor carries you through (but even an automaton would have to laugh at the ridiculousness of today's activities). Subtle signals now seem overt. For those who are ill, healing happens quickly.

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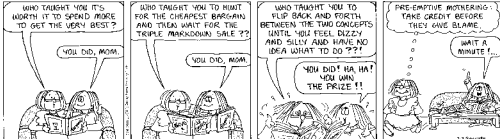
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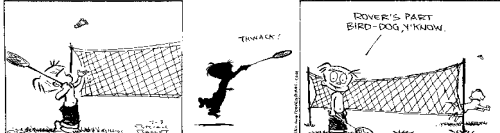
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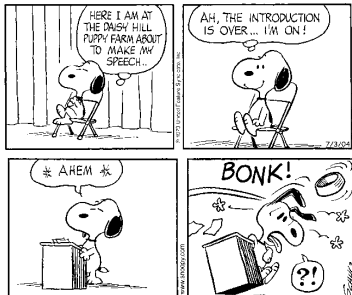
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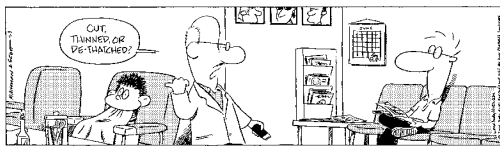
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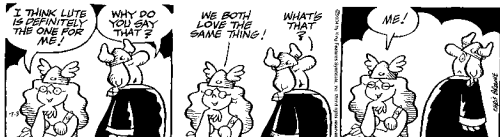
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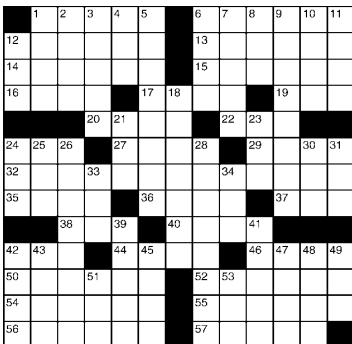
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 16 Existence (Lat.)
- 17 Whodunit pooch
- 19 Pried possession
- 20 Actress Moore
- 22 Existed
- 24 Ovine comment
- 27 Streamlet
- 29 Old woman's name?
- 32 Intimates
- 35 Row
- 36 Magnitude
- 37 Cribbage piece
- 38 Wapiti ingredient
- 40 Slippery ones
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- 46 Work in postproduction
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- 52 Female urchin
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- 3 Dwell
- 4 Milwaukee product
- 5 Cause of change
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- 7 Harry Hamilton series
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- 10 Yarn
- 11 Doorstop, perhaps
- 12 Vietnam city
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- 25 Sings
- 26 DIFranco
- 26 "Guys and Dolls" role
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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 1 Arthur Miller's "All My --"

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: U equals P







# Flying finish

## Jeter's snazzy catch gives hint of why Yankees dominate Sox

BY BEN WALKER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bloodied and bruised, Derek Jeter showed just why the New York Yankees always seem to come out ahead of the Boston Red Sox.

The AL-Star shortstop made one of the greatest plays of his championship career, hurtling headfirst into the stands at full tilt for a catch that ended the 12th inning. While he was on his way to a hospital, the Yankees rallied past the Red Sox 5-4 in the 13th on Thursday night for a stirring sweep of a three-game series.

Manny Ramirez homered twice, including a leadoff shot in the top of the 13th. But with two outs in the bottom of the inning, Miguel Cairo hit a tying double and scored on pinch-hitter John Flaherty's single.

"The stomach, the heart, there was no quitting," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Jeter of course, scared the hell out of everybody. Hopefully, he'll be all right."

Jeter left the ballpark with the face of beat-up boxer, a blood-chin and a red, swollen cheek. He also had a bruised shoulder.

Jeter's catch on pinch-hitter Trot Nixon's popout with runners on second and third stunned the 55,265 fans. They gasped when the video board showed the re-



New York shortstop Derek Jeter vaults into the box seats along the third base line after a running catch in the 12th inning Thursday night. Jeter suffered facial cuts and was removed from the game for treatment. The Yankees beat Boston 5-4 in 13 innings for a three-game series sweep.

play of him flying over the photographers' well and into the seats.

"When he went into the stands, you knew he's going to get hurt," Cairo said. "You just hope it's not bad."

Catcher Jorge Posada was among several teammates who walked off with Jeter.

"He says he's playing tomorrow. That's the way Derek is, he has that intensity," Posada said. Boston's Pedro Martinez got the game off to a hot start, hitting New York's Gary Sheffield in the back with a pitch in the opening inning and riling up the sellout crowd. Yankees rookie Brad Halsey matched Martinez into the middle innings, and then the real drama began.

The Yankees extended their AL East lead over Boston to 8½ games going into their interleague matchup this weekend against the New York Mets. The Red Sox lost for the eighth time in 11 games.

"I'm sure it's already an instant classic," Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon said. "We still believe we're going to win the World Series. It's never going to be easy in Boston."

It was a game that had a little bit of everything—even Alex Rodriguez in back at shortstop. In the 11th, he made a nifty stop at third that, for a moment, had the Yankees thinking they'd turned a bases-loaded triple play.

Rodriguez moved over from third base after Jeter was injured. Sheffield shifted from right field to third base for the first time since 1993, and made a throwing error. Jason Giambi came in as a pinch-hitter after missing five games because of an intestinal parasite.

The Red Sox employed a five-man infield in the 12th. At one point, a couple of Boston players switched gloves a couple of times for the alignment. Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra did not play, however. He's still coming back from an injured right Achilles' heel and got the day off to rest.

"It was just as exciting, if not more exciting, than Game 7" of

last year's AL championship series, Boston reliever Alan Embree said.

"Somebody had to lose, and it was us," he said. "It was incredible the way those guys made those plays."

Both teams blew bases-loaded chances in extra innings before the Yankees wound up with their fifth straight victory. Tanyon Sturtze (3-0) wound up with the victory, Curtis Leskanic (0-4) the loss.

New York's rally came after Leskanic retired the first two batters in the 13th. Ruben Sierra singled, Cairo doubled and Flaherty hit a drive over Ramirez's head. Ramirez took over the AL home run lead with No. 22, a shot off Sturtze.

Tony Clark and Posada homered off Martinez to give the Yankees a 3-0 lead.

At 23 and looking a lot younger than that, Halsey more than matched the three-time Cy Young winner into the sixth inning.

*"When he went into the stands, you knew he's going to get hurt. You just hope it's not bad."*

Miguel Cairo

Yankees second baseman

# White Sox storm past Twins into AL Central lead

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jon Garland hadn't won in almost a month. The Chicago White Sox hadn't swept the Twins in Minnesota since 1993.

Now streaks, like Minnesota's lead in the AL Central, are history. Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer, Garland pitched seven innings and Chicago completed a three-game sweep of the Twins with a 2-1 victory on Thursday.

The White Sox, who moved two games ahead of Minnesota in the AL Central, have won six of seven at the Metrodome this year. Chicago is nine games over .500, matching its season high.

"We haven't done that for a long time," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said after Chicago's first sweep at the Metrodome since June 1995. "To come in here and win on and leave up by two, you don't expect that."

Garland (6-5) scattered seven hits while walking three and strike-



ing out two. Damaso Marte got six outs for his fourth save, fanning Joe Mauer with a runner on second to end it.

"I hadn't been throwing too good in my last few starts," Garland said after winning for the first time in five starts since June 4. "It was a good time for me, a good time for the team, and a great place to do it."

The Twins wasted an outstanding performance by Johan Santana (6-5), who struck out 12 in eight innings. He gave up three hits and walked two. Santana has fanned 10 or more in four of his last five starts and had won four straight before Thursday.

"He was tremendous," Guillen said. "This kid is one of the best pitchers in the American League right now. We told our guys be-

fore the game that we needed to pitch well to beat him, and that's what we did."

Santana made his only mistakes in the first inning, but it was enough to ruin his day. He issued a two-out walk to Frank Thomas on a full-count slider that just missed and Lee hit the next pitch two rows beyond the left-field fence for his seventh homer.

In other AL games Thursday:

**Indians 7, Tigers 6 (10):** Jody Gerut homered in the top of the 10th and Cleveland snapped the Tigers' six-game winning streak.

Dmitri Young hit a grand slam for the Tigers and Bobby Higginson tied it 6-6 with a homer off David Riskie in the ninth. Riskie (4-2) escaped a jam, however, and Rick White earned his first save.

Gerut connected off Ugueth Urbina (3-3) to deny the Tigers their first seven-game winning streak since 1993.

**Blue Jays 14, Devil Rays 0:** Eric Hinske drove in three runs and had three of visiting Toronto's season-high 20 hits.

Miguel Batista (7-5) has won seven of nine decisions after going winless in his first seven starts. The Blue Jays have posted shutouts in three of his last five outings.

The Devil Rays lost for just the fourth time in 21 games.

**Athletics 7, Angels 3:** Damian Miller hit two of host Oakland's five home runs as the Athletics completed a three-game sweep.

Kirk Saarloos (1-0) pitched five-plus shutout innings in a spot start. Saarloos hadn't won a start since Aug. 25, 2002.

Bobby Crosby, Jermaine Dye and Bobby Kielty also connected for Oakland.

Jarrod Washburn (8-4) failed to win for the seventh time in eight starts following a six-start winning streak.

**Mariners 8, Rangers 4:** Austr-

lian left-hander Travis Blackley won his major league debut and Randy Winn drove in three runs for the host Mariners.

Seattle had six doubles among 12 hits and split the four-game series with the AL West-leading Rangers.

The 21-year-old Blackley (1-0) allowed four runs and six hits in 5½ innings. John Wasdin (1-1) allowed seven runs and eight hits in 2½ innings.

**Orioles 3, Royals 2:** Rafael Palmeiro homered, the 539th of his career, and David Newhan drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh, leading the visiting Orioles to their first series victory since late May.

Rodrigo Lopez (6-4) survived a rough first inning and retired his last 15 batters. Jorge Julio earned his 11th save in completing a four-hitter. The Orioles retired the last 24 Kansas City batters. Zack Greinke (1-5) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6½ innings.

# Sosa waits on a fastball, puts it in the grandstand

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa knew exactly what was coming from hard-throwing Brad Lidge in the 10th inning.

"This guy throws 98 mph, so I just said to myself, 'Let me go up there and get ready,'" Sosa said.

One pitch later, Sosa gave the Chicago Cubs a 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday at Wrigley Field.

"It was right down the middle and he crushed it," said Lidge (2-4), the Astros' closer. "It's that kind of a situation you can't make a mistake, and unfortunately I did and he got it."

Sosa's long homer to left was his 13th of the season and the 552nd of his career. It was his third home run since coming off the disabled list 13 games ago following a back injury brought on by a hard sneeze.

"I never doubted I was going to come back and help the team the way they want me to help," said Sosa, 1-for-12 in the series before hitting the winning homer. "Houston pitched me great and they didn't make that many mistakes."

Carlos Beltran certainly capitalized on a few Chicago mistakes, homering from both sides of the plate to help the Astros rally from a 4-0 deficit.

"He's good. We don't know the whole lot about him," Cubs starter Mark Prior said. "The guy can hit. After we see him more in the National League, we'll get a better idea where — if there are any — weak spots."

Beltran had four homers in the three-game series and extended his hitting streak to a career-best 15 games.

"He's awesome, a good player," Sosa said. "Every chance he had to come through in the clutch, he

did it. He has a good future there in Houston."

Jon Lester (2-0) worked a hitless 10th for Chicago, retiring Beltran on a flyball with a runner on first.

Prior pitched 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings in his longest outing of the season, leaving with two on in the eighth and a 4-1 lead.

Kent Mercker came in to face Beltran, who sent the left-hander's first pitch over the fence in left to tie it 4-4 and deny Prior a victory.

In other NL games Thursday: **Dodgers 5, Giants 4:** Shawn Green homered and doubled in the go-ahead run in the eighth, and the host Dodgers rallied to beat the Giants.

Felix Rodriguez (2-4) relieved Jason Schmidt to start the eighth and gave up a one-out walk to Milton Bradley.

Green then drove a 2-1 pitch into the left-center alley to give the Dodgers their first lead.



Barry Bonds homers against Los Angeles on Thursday night. It was the 679th home run of his career.

Eric Gagne struck out the side in the ninth for his 20th save, and major league-record 83rd in a row. Barry Bonds hit his 21st homer, the 679th of his career.

Schmidt gave up four runs on six hits in seven innings, and also hit his fourth career homer.

**Diamondbacks 7, Padres 5:** Roberto Alomar hit his first grand slam in four years and the Diamondbacks hung on to beat the visiting Padres.

Alomar's first home run of the season came off Ismael Valdez (6-5) and erased San Diego's 3-2 lead in the fourth.

The Diamondbacks, who snapped a club-record 11-game losing streak Wednesday night, split the four-game series.

**Braves 9, Marlins 1:** Andrew Jones hit a three-run double and Eli Marrero followed with a homer during a six-run first inning for the host Braves.

Marrero added a run-scoring single in the seventh and Russ Ortiz (8-6) pitched into the eighth to help the Braves take three of four from the Marlins.

**Mets 7, Reds 6:** Al Leiter pitched seven shutout innings, Shane Spencer hit a three-run homer and New York held off a late rally by the host Reds.

Leiter (4-2) gave up only two hits against a lineup missing Ken Griffey Jr. and Sean Casey. The bullpen let most of a 6-0 lead slip away in the eighth, but Braden Loper got four outs for his 15th save in 17 chances.

**Phillies 10, Expos 5:** Mike Lieberthal hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs and Pat Burrell had three hits and three RBIs for the host Phillies.

**Brewers 10, Rockies 9:** Lyle Overbay hit a two-run double, Victor Santos (7-3) earned his fifth victory in six starts and Milwaukee held off Colorado for its fifth straight victory.



Arizona Diamondbacks left fielder Luis Gonzalez leaps in a vain attempt to catch a home run off the bat of San Diego's Phil Nevin in the second inning of Thursday's game in Phoenix. Arizona beat the Padres 7-5.

## Doctors find Yanks' Brown also victim of parasites

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kevin Brown was diagnosed with intestinal parasites, joining Jason Giambi as the second member of the New York Yankees to test positive for the bug this season.

Brown has been out with a bad back since leaving a start June 9, but he said he's also been ailing "about 3½ weeks or so since we got back from Japan," losing 15 pounds and struggling even to get out of bed each day.

"I'd work out and feel weaker the next day, pushing myself down a hole — that's what it felt like," Brown said.

Brown had numerous tests that offered no explanations for what was sapping his strength. Then Brown learned Giambi had parasites.

"At least I understand why I struggled so bad," Brown said.



Manager Joe Torre was relieved to learn that the doctors finally figured out what was causing Brown to lose weight and be fatigued.

"By relief I mean knowing that it can be taken care of," he said. Yankees team doctor Stuart Herschorn said that the only way to combat the disease is through the consumption of food or water.

### Struggling Nomo on DL

LOS ANGELES — Hideo Nomo, winless in his last nine decisions, went on the 15-day disabled list Thursday with inflammation in his right rotator cuff.

Los Angeles General Manager Paul DePodesta said it's likely Nomo would be sidelined longer than that.

"It's pretty clear he's not right," DePodesta said. Nomo was scheduled for an MRI on Friday.

"It's not like excruciating pain, it's more like an inflammation," Nomo said through a translator. "I can't get strength behind my pitches. I want to have a fresh start and give my shoulder some rest."

After being one of the Dodgers' top pitchers the previous two seasons, Nomo (3-10) has given up 16 homers this season, the most on the staff. He gave up three, including a three-run shot by Barry Bonds, in a 7-1 loss to the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday night. He has an 8.80 ERA in his last 10 starts.

### Boss faces tampering probe

NEW YORK — George Steinbrenner's interest in Randy Johnson could end up costing

him. The commissioner's office said Thursday it was reviewing remarks the New York Yankees owner made about the Arizona ace this week to determine whether there was any tampering that could result in a fine.

"It involves talking about someone under contract to another team," spokesman Matt Gould said.

With the July 31 trade deadline approaching and the Yankees possibly looking to add another starting pitcher, Steinbrenner reiterated Wednesday his respect for Johnson.

"God, who wouldn't love to have Randy Johnson?" Steinbrenner told Sporting News Radio. "He's a dominator and we'd love to have him. Anybody would love to have him, but I also know that (Diamondbacks owner) Jerry Colangelo is not going to give him away."

### Drews reunited in Atlanta

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves brought up right-hander Tim Drew on Thursday, making him and older brother J.D. the 12th pair of siblings to play together with the team.

Atlanta purchased Tim Drew's contract from Triple-A Richmond, where he was 4-5 with one save and a 3.24 ERA in 18 games.

### Olivo has kidney stones

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners put catcher Miguel Olivo on the 15-day disabled list Thursday, one day after doctors fitted him with a stent to remove kidney stones. The move is retroactive to Wednesday.

Acquired Sunday in a trade with the Chicago White Sox, Olivo made his Seattle debut in Tuesday's 4-3 win over Texas. He probably won't rejoin the team until at least next Wednesday in Toronto.



# Lakers talk to Krzyzewski about a job

## Blue Devils coach in serious discussions for coaching vacancy

By AARON BEARD  
The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski has spent 24 years turning Duke into a basketball powerhouse and building a legacy as one of college basketball's greatest coaches. Now he's considering whether it's time for a change.

Krzyzewski met with Los Angeles Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak on Thursday to discuss the NBA team's coaching vacancy.

"Coach K has informed us that the Los Angeles Lakers have contacted him and entered into serious discussions," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said.

"Obviously when you have the best coach in the country, it's not unusual for one of the best franchises in the country to come after him."

Lakers spokesman John Black said Kupchak talked with Krzyzewski, but said

the team is still considering several other candidates to replace Phil Jackson.

The Los Angeles Times and ESPN reported that Krzyzewski was offered the job. Asked earlier by The Associated Press if that was so, Black said he had no comment.

The Cameron Indoor Stadium hardwood is named "Coach K Court."

Outside the arena, a sign designates the grassy plot where students camp out to attend games as "Krzyszewski," where the coach has been known to occasionally buy pizzas for waiting fans.

By Thursday night, about 100 students and fans had gathered there with signs and flags urging the coach to stay.

Krzyzewski has a 621-179 record in 24 seasons at Duke, leading the Blue Devils to

NCAA championships in 1991, 1992 and 2001. Under Krzyzewski, the Blue Devils have 10 Final Four appearances, eight Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championships and 10 conference regular-season titles.

In his Duke teams have been ranked No. 1 in 12 seasons, including each of the last seven.

Duke president Richard Brodhead told the AP he and Alleva had dinner with Krzyzewski on Tuesday, after Brodhead became aware that the coach had talked to the Lakers.

"He decides that he's had a great ride at Duke, but something else calls out to him now, we'd have to understand that," said Brodhead, who officially took office as Duke's president Thursday, succeeding Nan Keohane. "In the meantime, you can be sure we'll do all we can to persuade him that Duke and the college game are the right place for him."

The mother of incoming freshman David McClure, said her son was first informed of the news in a call from assistant coach Steve Wojciechowski on Thursday.

Betty McClure said she spoke with Krzyzewski over the weekend when the family brought the 6-foot-7 swimmer to Durham for summer classes, and the

coach gave no indication of leaving.

"They said that every year he gets approached by some team or another," she said from her home in Ridgefield, Conn. "And so, how can you really expect a lot of energy being angry or anything until you know what he's going to do?"

David McClure, reached Thursday night, said he had been told by the coaching staff not to comment.

The Lakers announced June 18 — three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals — that Jackson wouldn't return. Jackson, who signed a five-year, \$30 million contract with the Lakers in June 1999, guided them to championships in his first three seasons.

Former Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich has been considered the front-runner to succeed Jackson. He met with team owner Jerry Buss and Kupchak last week.

Former Lakers coach Pat Riley, an executive with the Miami Heat, also met with Buss and Kupchak, but issued a statement saying he wasn't a candidate.

Among others mentioned have been Kurt Rambis and Jim Cleamons, members of Jackson's staff. Kupchak said he planned to interview more than one person and less than 10 for the job and hoped to have a coach in place as soon as possible.

## NHL free agents make few deals on opening day

The Associated Press

The most unsettled free-agency period in NHL history began Thursday with some signing activity and more big names joining the list of available players.

John Madden and Jay Pandolfo each signed long-term deals to stay with the New Jersey Devils. Kris Draper re-upped with the Detroit Red Wings, and Glen Wesley signed a new contract to stay in Carolina.

But the day started with St. Louis forward Pavol Demitra and Carolina goalie Kevin Weekes being added to the group of 158 players not given qualifying offers by their teams, making them unrestricted free agents.

Defenceman Jaroslav Modry was the only free agent to switch teams on Day 1, leaving the Los Angeles Kings for a three-year deal worth \$7 million with Atlanta.

Madden signed a five-year, \$20-million deal with the Devils. Draper got a four-year contract worth \$11.2 million from Detroit, and Wesley came to terms on a one-year contract with Carolina.

The pursuings are expected to be tight with the NHL's financial landscape in flux. The collective bargaining agreement between the league and the players association expires on Sept. 15.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman is seeking "cost certainty" in the new agreement, believed by many to mean a salary cap, that it won't accept. With the sides not close to middle ground, a prolonged lockout that threatens next season is feared.

The Blues decided not to make a \$6.5 million qualifying offer to Demitra, fifth on the team's career points and assists lists.

## Rain suspends men's semis at Wimbledon

By STEPHEN WILSON  
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Defending champion Roger Federer and Andy Roddick were leading their semifinal matches Friday when play was suspended for the day because of rain.

Federer was up 6-2, 6-3, 4-3 against Sebastian Grosjean on Centre Court, while Roddick led Mario Ancic 6-4, 4-3, 30-40.

The matches were stopped by showers at about 7:15 p.m. EDT, and play was officially called off 45 minutes later.

The matches are scheduled to resume Saturday, the same day as the women's final between Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova.

Federer and Grosjean played for 23 minutes when the match was interrupted with Federer up a break at 3-2, 40-30. Twice, they came back on court and warmed up for a few minutes, only for the drizzle to return.

Organizers had moved the Rod-



Andy Roddick's match against Mario Ancic was suspended because of rain with Roddick leading 6-4, 4-3, 30-40 on Friday.

dick-Ancic match from Centre Court to Court 1 rather than wait for the completion of the first semifinal.

Play was washed out completely on two days last week, forcing officials to stage matches on the middle Sunday for only the third time.

Williams, trying to become the third woman in 35 years to win three consecutive titles, beat Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4 to advance to the final against the 17-year-old Russian playing in her first Grand Slam final.

"It doesn't matter who I play," Sharapova said. "I've just been going out and just believing in myself that I can do it. And I've just been winning."

Sharapova, who surprised Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1 in the semifinals, is the youngest Wimbledon finalist since Martina Hingis won 1997 title at 16. Only one other woman's finalist was younger: Lottie Dod, the champion at 15 in 1887.

"I knew that I could achieve many things if I worked hard and if I believed in myself," Sharapova said, "but I never expected to do so well at such an early age."

To get to the final of Wimbledon, my favorite tournament, is just amazing."

It's the first trip back to a Grand Slam final for Williams since she beat sister Venus for last year's Wimbledon title. Serena underwent surgery on her left knee in August and was sidelined for eight months.

"It hasn't been an easy road back," she said. "I really was struggling a lot."

Williams knows all about teenage upstarts. She won the first of her six major titles at 17 by beating Hingis at the 1999 U.S. Open.

"When you're younger, you have nothing to lose," said Williams, now 22. "It's like you can just go for broke."

Williams and Sharapova have met once before, with the American winning 6-4, 6-3 in March in Key Biscayne, Fla. Williams figures the teenager will be the crowd favorite Saturday.

"The crowds always root for the underdog, at least when I'm playing," said Williams. "I'm not the underdog. I'm used to it."

## Nash reaches 5-year, \$65 million deal with Suns

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Point guard Steve Nash agreed to a five-year, \$65 million deal with the Phoenix Suns on Thursday, leaving the Dallas Mavericks to return to the team that drafted him eight years ago.

The deal includes a "partial guarantee" for a sixth year, Nash's agent Bill Duffy said. Nash shook hands on the deal with new owner Robert Sarver and Suns chairman Jerry Colangelo at a meeting in Dallas, Duffy said.

NBA rules prohibit Nash from signing the contract until July 14. Teams were allowed to begin talks with free agents late Wednesday.

Nash averaged 14.5 points, 8.8 assists and three rebounds per game last season, when he

also recorded his first career triple-double.

Dallas officials said repeatedly since the season ended that they expected no problem keeping Nash, the spark plug behind their rise from one of the league's worst teams to one of the best. Along the way, the energetic, floppy haired guard became an All-Star and a fan favorite.

"I think it was his intention to stay with the Mavericks," Duffy said of the 30-year-old Nash. "Everything just turned around so quickly."

"I never dreamed we'd lose Nash, or any other player of his magnitude," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said Thursday night in Fort Worth.

"It's not like a trade where you get some-

thing back. There is no adjustment here. We lost a big part of our team and we don't have anything to fill it. It's a setback."

Donnie Nelson, president of the basketball operations for the Mavericks, wouldn't discuss what Dallas offered, but he said the team's counter to Nash wasn't good enough.

"He was either going to retire a Maverick or get a heck of an opportunity to move on and the latter happened, he was never a (trade) chip."

Nash was drafted by Phoenix in 1996 and spent two seasons backing up Kevin Johnson and Jason Kidd. He was traded to Dallas on draft day in 1998, the same night the Mavs acquired Dirk Nowitzki.



# Teen Lincicome takes Open lead

## Amateur matches tournament low

BY DONNA TOMMELEO

The Associated Press

**SOUTH HADLEY, Mass.** — Ready or not, the kids are coming.

A record 16 teenagers are in the U.S. Women's Open field this week and one of them topped the leader board during the rain-delayed first round that finally wrapped up Friday morning.

It was not Michelle Wie.

Brittany Lincicome shot a 5-under 66 — matching the lowest round by an amateur in tournament history — to take a one-stroke lead at the Orchards Golf Club over Patricia Meunier-LeBouc.

"There's a lot of juniors that are coming up. They're going to be amazing players, whether they go to college or decide to turn pro," the 18-year-old Lincicome said. "The LPGA players better look out, because we're coming."

Meunier-LeBouc, the 2003 Kraft Nabisco champion, birdied the final four holes for a 67, twice holing 25-foot putts.

Both Daniel is three strokes off the pace. She completed her first round of 69 Friday morning along with 74 other golfers after play was suspended because of darkness on Thursday.

Annika Sorenstam and Wie are among 14 players at even par.

Sorenstam started the day 2 under through 15 holes, but opened with a double-bogey after pushing her drive into the right rough on No. 16.

Lincicome matched the lowest score by an amateur (Carol Seale Thompson in 1994 at Indianwood), and tied the back-nine record of 30.

Lincicome eagled the par-4 15th, holing a 7-iron shot from the rough. It brought the teen to tears.

"I looked at my dad and started bawling," the 6-foot Lincicome said. "I could not stop. I walked all the way to the green, my mom started crying, and then I started crying even more. Don't look at your mom when you're crying."

A lot of the fans missed most of Lincicome's sterling back nine.

They were all following Wie, who recovered from a double-bogey on the par-3 fifth by hitting a 5-wood from 220 yards to 9 feet for an eagle on her final hole for a 71.

"It could have been a lot worse today, and that eagle really got me on the right foot for tomorrow," she said.

Another top teen, 17-year-old

59th U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP																				
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LEADERS																				
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LINCICOME		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
W. LEBLOC*		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
REDMAN		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70
FINNEY*		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
HULL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
SAIKI*		0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70
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Amateur Brittany Lincicome shot a 5-under 66, matching the lowest amateur score in tournament history, to take a one-stroke lead in the U.S. Women's Open at The Orchards in South Hadley, Mass.

Paula Creamer, coming off second- and 12th-place finishes the last two weeks on the LPGA Tour, was 3 over through 10 holes, but recovered for a 72.

Grace Park, who has finished first and third in the two majors this year, and two-time Women's Open champion Juli Inkster opened with 71s.

Defending champion Hilary Lunke showed plenty of heart. She was 4 over after four holes, about what everyone imagined from a short hitter on a course playing every bit of its 6,473 yards. But Lunke buckled down with birdies, and a bogey on the 18th hole left her with a respectable 72.

Still, the opening round belonged to Lincicome.

"I figured that one of these days, if I proved myself, then people would notice who I was," she said. "I wasn't really worried. Michelle Wie and everyone gets way more press. But I figured if you play good here, then it will come to me."

In today's climate of kids taking on adults, Lincicome was patient. This was the first year she even tried to qualify for the Women's Open, and she was the co-medalist in Heathrow, Fla.

"I wanted to wait and make sure I was ready," she said. "I didn't want to come in and not be at the top of my game. And I would say I'm ready."

# Woods' caddie defends tactics with cameras

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

The caddie for Tiger Woods said he was wrong to kick over a news photographer's camera during the U.S. Open, blaming his snap decision on hearing too many clicks from too many cameras at the wrong time.

"I lost my cool," Steve Williams said Thursday in a telephone interview from the Western Open, where Woods is playing this week. "I shouldn't have done that."

But he offered no apologies for taking a camera away from a fan at Shinnecock Hills, and no guarantee that he wouldn't do that again. Williams has come under intense scrutiny over the last four months, especially when he failed to contend in the Masters and U.S. Open, extra bad because he had eight majors without winning.

It all boiled over in the second round of the U.S. Open, when Williams walked across the 10th tee and kicked the lens of photographer John Roca from the New York Daily News.

In the final round, Williams spotted a man taking pictures behind the second tee. He walked into the crowd and took the camera, which belonged to an off-duty police officer.

"I don't regret taking the camera off the guy," Williams said.

"I don't know how he got it on the ground. If all the security guards and marshals were doing their job, it wouldn't happen. I'm not sorry about that."



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# Roberts holds edge in Western open

The Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Loren Roberts can still show the youngsters a thing or two.

The 49-year-old shot a bogey-free 7-under 64 Thursday, matching his best round of the year, and held on for the first-round lead at the Western Open. Former champion Robert Allenby, the only player to make a charge in the afternoon, is one stroke back after birdies on his last three holes.

"I played real solid, tee to green," Roberts said. "I hit the ball extremely well as far as putting it where I wanted it and hit a lot of greens. I drove the ball in the fairway just about every hole. If you're going to make some putts, it equates to a low score."

Reigning British Open champion Ben Curtis leads a group three strokes back at 4-under 67. Defending champion Tiger Woods broke out a new, graduate driver with a larger club head, but it wasn't the answer for his sluggish game. He closed out a lackluster round with a bogey on the final hole, finishing at 1-under 70.

"I didn't play very well today," Woods said. "It's kind of how it's been. I get off to a great start, kind of lose it in the middle, then get it back. I just can't put it all together."

## Golf roundup

Roberts, on the other hand, had his whole game clicking. Roberts was in contention for his first win in two years three weeks ago at the Buick Classic, leading after 54 holes. But the man called the "Boss of the Boss" for his brilliant putting touch had some rare struggles on the greens the final day, leading to a 78 that dropped him into a tie for 16th.

## Tired Goosen leads in Ireland

STRAFFAN, Ireland — Retief Goosen, fighting fatigue after his win at the U.S. Open, shot a 6-under 66 on Friday to take a two-stroke lead in the second round of the European Open.

Dealing with a heavy downpour late in his round and blustery winds, the South African had six birdies and no bogeys. He leads Dutchman Maarten Laferber, and Lee Westwood is three strokes back.

Laferber shot 70, and Westwood had his second straight 69.

Seven-time Order of Merit winner Colin Montgomerie missed the cut, shooting a 10-over 82 as the winds intensified later Friday.



# J. Gordon wins third pole in row

Four-time Cup champ confident going into Pepsi 400 at Daytona

BY MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jeff Gordon is riding a wave that could wind up swamping the rest of the Nextel Cup series.

Two weeks ago, he won the pole at Michigan and led 81 of the first 89 laps before the engine in his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet went up in smoke.

Last weekend, on the road course in Sonoma, Calif., he won the pole, led every practice and overpowered the rest of the field in winning the race.

Now, at Daytona International Speedway, where NASCAR requires horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates to keep the cars under 200 mph, he's on the pole for the third straight weekend after topping qualifying Thursday night for the Pepsi 400.

"We've been qualifying great," Gordon said. "I didn't expect to be this fast here. But our practice speeds from last weekend to this weekend are pretty flawless right now and we're certainly riding a great wave."

Before his win in Sonoma — his third victory of the season — Gordon wasn't happy after disappointing finishes in three of the previous four events.

His 30th-place finish at Charlotte was what Gordon called "a bad day." A week later, in Dover, he crashed and finished 36th.

After a fourth-place finish at Pocono, the engine failure at Michigan resulted in a 38th-place finish that dropped Gordon to sixth in the series standings.

With the Sonoma victory in his



Jeff Gordon, right, is fourth in the Nextel Cup driver standings and coming off a road-course victory last weekend at Sonoma, Calif.

pocket, the two-time Daytona 500 and two-time Pepsi 400 winner goes into the Saturday night race fourth, just 20 points behind third-place series champion Matt Kenseth and 22 behind teammate and series leader Jimmie Johnson.

"We've gotten our act together," Gordon said. "Our cars are handling well. We have tremendous power under the hood. Right now, these guys are really on top of their game."

It was his fourth pole of the season and 50th of his career.

"We're really making the most of every bit of resources we have and putting it on the racetrack," he said. "I'm having a blast, right now and the confidence level certainly is high for us right now."

Gordon's lap of 188.659 mph bested Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s Michael Waltrip, another two-time Daytona 500 and former July race winner, who qualified second to put a pair of Chevrolets on the front row.

Waltrip ran a lap at 188.620 as the first of 49 cars to attempt to qualify.

Ricky Rudd qualified third and Dale Jarrett was fourth in a pair of Fords that use engines from the Jack Roush-Robert Yates partnership.

Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr., Waltrip's teammate,

was fifth, Joe Nemechek sixth and rookie Scott Riggs seventh. Ward Burton, Elliott Sadler and defending race champion Greg Biffle completed the top 10.

After qualifying was over, NASCAR disallowed Sadler's speed because both rear quarter panels on his Taurus were too low. It moved him back to the 39th starting position and moved Terry Labonte up to 10th.

## Pepsi 400 lineup

- NASCAR Nextel Cup**  
Thursday's qualifying race Saturday  
At Daytona International Speedway  
Daytona Beach, Fla.  
Race distance: 400 miles, 160 laps  
Car number in parentheses
- (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 188.659 mph.
  - (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 188.620.
  - (3) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 188.426.
  - (4) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 188.424.
  - (10) Greg Biffle, Ford, 187.641.
  - (5) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 187.639.
  - (7) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 187.668.
  - (4) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 187.750.
  - (10) Greg Biffle, Ford, 187.641.
  - (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 187.624.
  - (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 187.110.
  - (17) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 186.021.
  - (13) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 186.994.
  - (15) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 186.966.
  - (28) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 186.906.
  - (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 186.869.
  - (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 186.856.
  - (11) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 186.826.
  - (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 186.676.
  - (30) Kerry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 186.620.
  - (21) Mark Martin, Ford, 186.567.
  - (40) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 186.528.
  - (30) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 186.460.
  - (44) Casey Mears, Dodge, 186.474.
  - (21) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 186.401.
  - (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 185.726.
  - (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 185.716.
  - (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 185.624.
  - (38) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 185.423.
  - (40) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 185.181.
  - (41) Jeff Green, Dodge, 184.747.
  - (22) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 184.643.
  - (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 184.243.
  - (33) (43) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 185.870.
  - (38) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 185.797.
  - (40) Kurt Busch, Ford, 185.726.
  - (37) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 185.716.
  - (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 185.624.
  - (38) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 185.423.
  - (38) Elliott Sadler, Ford, Provisional.
  - (40) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, Provisional.
  - (40) Mike Wallace, Dodge, Provisional.
  - (40) Larry Gselman, Ford, Provisional.
  - (40) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, Provisional.
- Failed to qualify.**
- (47) Chad Blount, Dodge, 185.540.
  - (22) Tony Rouse, Chevrolet, 185.423.
  - (46) Derrick Coe, Chevrolet, 185.411.
  - (47) (04) Eric McClure, Chevrolet, 185.052.
  - (48) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 185.052.
  - (47) Kirk Sheldrum, Chevrolet, 185.012.

# Armstrong's appeal against book rejected

The Associated Press

PARIS — An appeals court Friday rejected Lance Armstrong's attempt to force a publisher to insert the cycling star's denial of doping allegations into copies of a new book.

Armstrong filed an appeal last week after a lower court rejected his bid to force publisher La Martiniere to insert a rebuttal into "L.A. Confidential, The Secrets of Lance Armstrong."

The appeals court upheld the lower court's decision in its verdict Friday — a day before the start of this year's Tour de France, where Armstrong is going for a record fifth straight victory.

The judge who made the lower court ruling June 2 said Armstrong's request was an abuse of the legal system, and ordered him to pay the authors and publisher a symbolic \$30 fine.

The French-language book, which hit French bookstores two weeks ago, was written by David Walsh and Pierre Ballester and relies in part on allegations by a former Armstrong assistant, Emma O'Reilly.

In it, she claims Armstrong asked her to get rid of used syringes and give him makeup to conceal needle marks on his right arm. She acknowledged that she didn't know what was in the syringes.

Armstrong has denounced the book's claims as "absolutely untrue."

The three-week Tour begins Saturday in Liège, Belgium.

## Greece stuns Czech Republic in Euro Championships

PORTO, Portugal — Greece topped the European Championships yet again, beating the Czech Republic 1-0 in overtime Thursday on a header by Traianos Delias.

The Greeks, winless in other major soccer appearances, will play host Portugal in Lisbon on Sunday for the title.

This marks the first time in 40 years a Euro final will be staged between two first-time finalists.

Greece also downed defending champion France 1-0 in the quarterfinals and Portugal 2-1 in the opener.

The Greeks were winless in the 1994 World Cup and the 1980 Euro championship, but they clearly are making the most of this appearance on soccer's international stage.

"We believed in it from the beginning and we achieved it," Delias said. "Back home in Greece this night also belongs to them."

Greece is the first team to beat the host since the defending champion in a major championship. Now comes Portugal, playing out-standing soccer.

Delias scored on a shot header off a corner kick by Vasilios Tsiaristas. The goal came just seconds before the first 15 minutes of overtime was to end. Had the period ended scoreless, it would have gone to another 15 minutes.

The Czechs were without captain Pavel Nedved after he injured his right knee in the 33rd minute, colliding with Costas Katsouranis.

## Sports briefs

He went off on a stretcher, limped back on the field in the 36th and hobbled until he was replaced in the 40th minute by Vladimir Smicer.

## Former Bruin Donato returns to Harvard as hockey coach

BOSTON — Former Boston Bruins forward Ted Donato, who spent 13 years in the NHL, was hired Friday as the head hockey coach at Harvard.

Donato, 35, will be returning to the school he led to the 1989 NCAA championship.

Donato, who broke his foot on April 9 blocking a shot in the first period of Game 2 of Boston's Eastern Conference first-round series against the Montreal Canadiens, retired at the end of the season.

He played at Harvard from 1987 to 1991 and was named most valuable player of the tournament when the Crimson won the NCAA title in 1989. He was also a member of the 1992 U.S. Olympic team.

Donato, a graduate of Catholic Memorial High School in Boston, was drafted by the Bruins in the 1987 NHL entry draft. He played six years with the Bruins in the 1990s before he was traded to the New York Islanders in 1996. He also played with Ottawa, Anaheim, Dallas, Los Angeles, St. Louis and New York Rangers before returning to the Bruins to end his career.

Donato had three 20-plus goal seasons for the Bruins with a career-high of 25 in 1997. In 1996, he won the Stanley Cup with the Colorado Avalanche in 16 regular-season games, scoring 347 points (150 goals). In 58 playoff games, he added 18 hits (8 goals).

## IOC confirms Koreans to march together in Athens

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — North and South Korea will march together in the opening ceremony of the Athens Olympics next month.

"It shows that sport can unite and promote peace. It is wonderful to see the two nations in Olympic committees putting the Olympic values into practice in such a demonstrable way," International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge said in a statement Friday.

The two Koreas said in February they wanted to march under the same flag, as they did in Sydney in 2000. The teams will enter together behind a flag depicting the entire Korean Peninsula.

The Olympic flag for the unified team for the 2008 Games in Beijing.

## Revolution goalkeeper Reiss fined \$500

NEW YORK — New England Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis was fined \$500 by Major League Soccer on Thursday for disrespectful conduct toward an official.

Reis was fined for his action following a 90th minute penalty kick conversion by MetroStars midfielder Amado Guevara in a 2-1 victory on June 26.

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## Drive for five complete, Armstrong seeks to scale unprecedented heights

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PARIS — Lance Armstrong hopes to do what no other cyclist has done, a test so demanding it has blocked the four champions before him.

He wants to become the first six-time winner of the Tour de France, a punishing ride of 2,126 miles over countryside and mountains, three weeks of pain and sweat that burn the lungs and torment the legs.

Armstrong has won cycling's premier event the past five years, the first of his titles coming when he roared back from cancer.

Now, at 32, he gets to see if the competitive fire still burns.

The race begins its great loop Saturday in Liege, Belgium, the latest chapter in what has become one of the biggest rivalries in international sports: Armstrong vs. Jan Ullrich, the German who risks forever carrying the label as perpetual runner-up to the Texan.

Armstrong is trying to overtake the five-time Tour de France winners: Jacques Anquetin, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

Ullrich has a different agenda. He has yet to fulfill the promise he showed in 1997 when at 23 he won the Tour on his second attempt. He has been a Tour de France runner-up five times. One more such

finish and he joins Joop Zoetemelk, a Dutchman who raced in the 1970s and '80s, as the only riders to place second six times.

Ullrich was second to Armstrong in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and to Bjarne Riis in 1996 and Marco Pantani in 1998. Last year marked the closest duel between Armstrong and Ullrich. Armstrong was not assured victory until Ullrich skidded and crashed in the next-to-last stage, a rain-soaked time trial.

"This is my neighborhood, and nobody else is winning this race," Armstrong told himself in taking the key stage last year, a Pyrenean climb in which he fell, got up, screamed and stormed to victory in a rush of anger and adrenaline.

Predicting how Armstrong or Ullrich will fare in a trek as grueling and unpredictable as the Tour de France is uncertain. Only as last year's race unfolded did it become clear that Armstrong, who won the warmup Dauphine Libere event, was struggling.

Ullrich, meanwhile, was coming back from injury and a ban for using recreational drugs and riding with a team rescued from financial peril. Yet he almost pulled it off — losing to Armstrong by just 61 seconds.

Armstrong must again ignore distractions, no easy task for a millionaire celebrity who counts President Bush among his friends and has taken up with singer Sheryl Crow since divorcing his wife, Kristin, after last year's Tour.

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**Lance Armstrong, 32, is trying to become the first six-time Tour de France winner. Last year provided his toughest test — he beat rival Jan Ullrich by only 61 seconds.**

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